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Cow droppings are seen scattered all over Suicide Cliff.

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### House JGO may follow Senate panel action

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REPORTER

The House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is now also taking a close watch on concerns involving Attorney General Ed Buckingham's alleged ethical violations related to an ARRA management contract award.

JGO Committee chair Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), in an interview yesterday, said they are looking into the matter both as members of a committee tasked to investigate ethics concerns in government and as individual lawmakers.

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Buckingham



## House battles over \$10M 'upfront' money for casino investors

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REPORTER

Members of the House leadership battled over the issue of whether or not casino investors should be required to have at least \$10 million in "upfront money," a day after a delegation panel

pre-filed a report on a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), during a closed-door leadership meeting yesterday, said casino investors should be made to pay at least \$10 million upfront so that lawmakers will be able to restore the 80 hours biweekly for

government employees.

"Without upfront money from investors and with expected revenues to be much lower than the governor's \$102 million budget, we will start laying off people by Oct. 1," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

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## DPL ULTIMATUM:

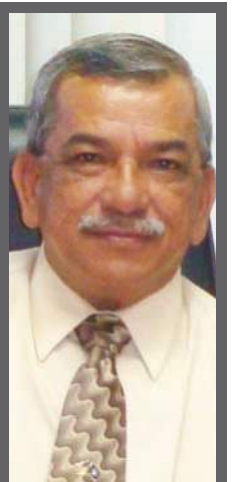
# 'Round up loose cattle in Marpi or else...'

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REPORTER

Citing concerns about cow droppings desecrating tourist spots on the island, Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta issued yesterday a one-week grace period for ranchers and cattle owners to ensure their cattle don't roam outside their permitted areas in Marpi or these cattle will be seized starting Aug. 26.

Cattle owners also face revocation of their Department of Public Lands-issued grazing permit, if their cattle are found on the loose after the one-week grace period that started yesterday.

"I humbly ask all our DPL cattle grazer clients to immediately conduct a survey of their herds. DPL will allow a one-week period, effective... Aug. 19, 2011, for all grazers in Marpi to secure their loose



Babauta

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## WEEKEND BAZAAR

Vendors sell their wares—from new and used clothing to electronics, kitchenware, plants, books, perfume, accessories, among other things—in front of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe on Saturday. This open-market concept has become a regular Saturday feature on Saipan, which also has a Saturday farmers market at the Civic Center also in Susupe where fresh fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants are being sold.

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## Local

## Fund nixes tapping real estate agents to find building tenants

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The board of trustees of the NMI Retirement Fund disapproved Thursday the hiring of real estate agents to look for new tenants for its vacant office space on Capital Hill.

Adelina Roberto, the board's second vice chair, said the idea of hiring real estate agents is too risky for the agency due to the absence of a real estate law in the Commonwealth.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez had pushed for a non-exclusive agreement with realtors who could bring in tenants for the NMI Retirement

Building. Once a realtor finds a legitimate tenant and a new lease contract is executed, the Fund will compensate the agent equivalent to one month's rental.

The Fund has yet to find proposers or anyone interested in leasing the second and third floors of its building since the Public School System central office made the decision to move out.

According to Roberto, they have to consider some situations that may lead to significant losses for the Fund such as if the new tenant moves out soon after the real estate agent is paid for his services.

"The problem here is we don't

have a real estate law on this island that will protect us in the long run," she told the board.

She recommended that the proposal be junked and to just continue announcing the vacant spaces. The board unanimously voted to reject the non-exclusive contract with realtors.

PSS moved out of the Fund building just this week.

Fund board chair Sixto Igisomar pointed out that, contrary to what many believe, PSS was never kicked out. He instructed the administrator to issue a public statement clarifying the facts about PSS leaving the premises.

Igisomar said people have

been approaching him and telling him that "we kicked PSS out," which he said was untrue, adding that some students were also fed the same misinformation.

The PSS lease agreement expired on April 30 this year. Education Commissioner Rita Sablan was negotiating a new lease at a lower lease—which the Fund board agreed to—but she balked at the conditions being required by the Fund.

Fund officials said they only learned about PSS' decision to reject their conditions upon seeing a request for proposal announcing that PSS was looking for new vacant spaces for

its central offices. The Fund submitted a proposal, with the same conditions, to the PSS RFP.

"PSS asked for a discount, the board agreed...but we later found out that they decided to move out

all along," said Villagomez.

PSS, which used to occupy the second and third floors of the Fund building, has transferred its offices to a 15-classroom building at Marianas High School.

## Regents seek regular updates on progress of accreditation report

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The Board of Regents is urging the management of Northern Marianas College to observe timely communication in dealing with accreditation work.

NMC, which is working to have its probation status lifted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, is due to submit a report to WASC on Oct. 15 this year.

Accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero described their accreditation work as "pretty well on target" but he was still urged to provide all plans and information to the board leading to the deadline.

Regents William Torres, Andrew Orsini, and Frank Rabaulman all emphasized the board's need to be informed about the management's every step in completing the process.

Torres specifically asked about the management's timeline in completing the accreditation report.

"We do have a timeline and we do provide regular updates to the board. We have a very strict calendar in place and we're following it religiously," said Deleon Guerrero, adding that the report's first draft will be turned in to the

board on Sept. 23 for information and review purposes.

NMC president Sharon Hart told the board that 40 percent of the faculty and employees are involved in the accreditation process by serving in various committees.

"We have a large number of cooperation," she said.

NMC, according to Deleon Guerrero, is focusing on two goals: completing the Oct. 25 report and fulfilling the 2012 self-study report.

Due to the commission's rules on public disclosure and confidentiality, he said there are information about the report or the accreditation that may not be disseminated as openly as some regents want to. "There is proper time for its disclosure pursuant to the commission's rule," he said.

From the most severe sanction of show-cause, NMC was placed on a less severe status of probation—a level issued when the commission finds that an institution deviates significantly from the eligibility criteria, standards, or policies, or fails to respond to actions and conditions imposed by the commission.

The Oct. 15 report should detail how NMC is working to fix the 10 deficiencies cited by WASC.

## Miah, last of 5 suspects in driver's license scam, submits guilty plea

Mohammad Jahangir Miah, one of the five suspects in the driver's license scam at the Department of Public Safety, entered a guilty plea yesterday as part of a plea deal.

Miah pleaded guilty in federal court to count one of the indictment charging him with conspiring to unlawfully produce and transfer identification documents.

The remaining eight charges—not including the forfeiture allegation—will be dropped.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett set Miah's sentencing for Nov. 15, 2011 at 9am. He allowed Miah to remain free until sentencing day.

Miah's former wife, Tahira Dolores Miah, and three other co-de-

fendants—former DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles employee William A. Hocog, Hongmei Sun, and Hui Qiang Yan have already pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

According to the agreement, Miah, a Bangladeshi national, helped foreign national driver's license applicants obtain CNMI driver's licenses from BMV without passing the tests required by CNMI law. Miah acted in cooperation with other persons, including BMV employees.

The applicants paid money for this assistance. Miah retained a portion of the money, while portions were retained by BMV employees and other persons. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Helicopters circle Saipan; no report yet whether part of DEA operation

At least three helicopters were seen hovering over Saipan Thursday and Friday, but no one could confirm whether it is a Drug Enforcement Administration marijuana eradication operation.

Saipan Tribune contacted DEA's office on Saipan Thursday afternoon but the person who answered the phone said nobody was there to respond to media inquiries.

Guam-CNMI resident agent-

in-charge Michael Puralowski did not return an email inquiry as of press time.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said he has not confirmed with DEA whether the helicopters were part of DEA's marijuana eradication operation.

In the past, DEA would use helicopters to search for and confiscate marijuana plants on Saipan and Tinian. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Seven personnel leave CPA, replacement hires approved

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority lost seven employees this month due to retirements and resignations, according to the CPA board personnel committee chair Margaret Prater.

## NMC registration extended to Aug. 26

The Northern Marianas College, in its continuing effort to accommodate students who still have not registered for the fall 2011 semester, has extended registration to Friday, Aug. 26, 2011. Students may register between 9am to 5pm from Monday, Aug. 22, through Aug. 26, 2011.

Ongoing and new students who have not yet registered are encouraged to visit the Office of Admissions and Records to sign up for classes or to obtain more information about enrolling this semester. New placement tests have also been scheduled for those who have not taken the English or Math placement test. Visit the NMC website at [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu) for dates and times.

The college earlier announced that it had also adjusted its fall 2011 semester to ensure that members of the community who have legal status to remain in the CNMI through CNMI-issued umbrella permits have the opportunity to enroll in courses during the upcoming term.

The adjusted semester now ends on Nov. 26, 2011, three weeks earlier than the traditional end date in December. The duration of the term will comprise 13 weeks of instruction, (Aug. 22 to Nov. 19) with Nov. 21-23 and 26 serving as final exam dates. The new class schedule can be accessed by visiting the fall 2011 Registration Page on the NMC website.

College officials have assured that the shorter term will not affect the number of courses offered or the variety of programs offered, but will lengthen meeting times for all classes by a few minutes (ranging from about 10 to about 30 minutes).

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

For more information about admissions, call the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 Ext. 1537, email [oar@nmcnet.edu](mailto:oar@nmcnet.edu), or log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

mittee chair Margaret Prater.

She recommended that all vacated slots be filled with replacements so not to jeopardize the CNMI's seaport and airport operations. The board approved the recommendation.

On Saipan, replacements are being sought for an assistant

operations supervisor, statistician, and a firefighter for the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting unit. On Rota, CPA is looking for a maintenance worker and a firefighter for its ARFF division. Tinian needs a new radio operator and an ARFF trainee.

Of these vacancies, CPA de-

cided to promote individuals within the agency for the assistant operations supervisor and statistician posts.

Prater also reported that CPA needs a procurement officer, whose position awaits a budget for fiscal year 2012.

According to CPA executive

director Edward Deleon Guerrero, the agency remains committed to keeping its 198 employees. CPA is allowed up to 228 employees this fiscal year.

Since October last year, 30 posts in both airports and seaports have been left unfilled to realize some savings in personnel cost. These vacant positions will not be filled, unless the management classifies the post as critical to operation.

CPA personnel continue working on an 80-hour biweekly schedule and remain better off compared to employees of the central government and other autonomous agencies that have enforced work hour reductions

through austerity Fridays.

CPA projects combined revenues to reach over \$16 million this fiscal year. For the airport division, the agency forecasts to collect \$10.695 million, while seaport activities are expected to rake in \$6.614 million.

Meantime, the board re-elected Manny Villagomez for the vice chairmanship during last week's meeting. Board committees are being handled by the following board members: Fermin Sakisat, personnel committee; Benigno Sablan, seaport facility; Barrie Toves, fiscal and financial; and Manny Villagomez, airport facility. Prater is the board's secretary and treasurer.

## US govt to intervene in a probate case to get \$629K that Pelisamen still owes

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The U.S. government will intervene in a probate case pending in local courts in order to get its share in the possible distribution of heirship money from convicted former estate administrator Luis Kaipat Pelisamen, who still owes the U.S. government \$629,096.60.

Assistant U.S. attorney Mikel W. Schwab filed Thursday before the U.S. District Court for the NMI the U.S. government's application for a writ of execution to collect \$625,775 from Pelisamen. Schwab said there have been credits to this judgment debt totaling \$125, leaving a total balance due of \$629,096.60 as of Aug. 15, 2011.

A writ of execution is a court order that allows for the collection of money or property owed by a judgment debtor.

The federal court had ordered

Pelisamen on Jan. 15, 2010, to pay a \$200 special assessment fee and \$625,775 in criminal restitution for wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

As of Aug. 15, 2011, Pelisamen still owes \$340 of the special assessment fee and \$629,096 in criminal restitution, said assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica F. Cruz.

Cruz said that, on Aug. 10, 2011, assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler told her that Pelisamen is an heir to the Dolores Pelisamen estate and may be entitled to distributions in the estate.

Cruz said the administrator of the Dolores estate filed a petition for decree in partial distribution requesting that Pelisamen's share in the estate be offset and paid to the other heirs.

This, Cruz said, would in effect deprive the U.S. government in Pelisamen's case of

restitution.

Cruz said she learned that the CNMI Supreme Court has not issued an order and is holding the matter of partial distribution under advisement for 30 days after the Aug. 2-3, 2011 hearing.

She said the U.S. government will be intervening in the Dolores estate probate to secure Pelisamen's share that will be applied toward his restitution.

Pelisamen used to serve as administrator of the estate of his grandmother, Rita Kaipat, which received a \$1.37 million in distribution.

Pelisamen was convicted and was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to pay \$625,775 in restitution.

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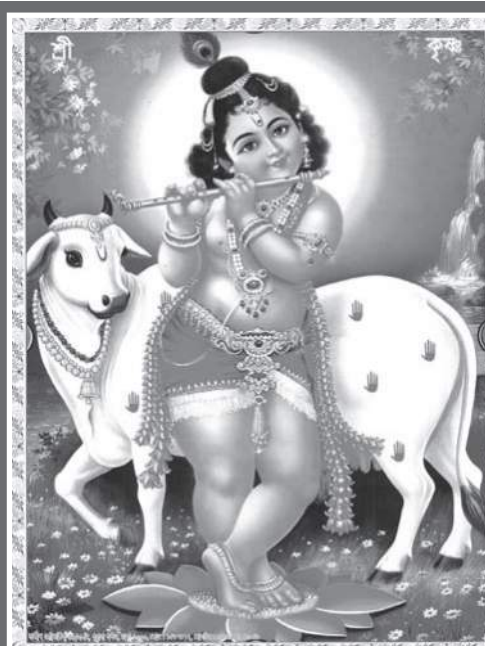


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## BUSY KUKUNITUS

BALBINA M. PEREZ, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Busy Kukunitus visited their community helpers—Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, Bank of Guam, Delegate Gregorio Sablan's office, Huang Shun, and the Post Office—on Aug. 18, 2011, and were buzzing with excitement when sharing their experiences with each other. The three-week pilot project by the Tinian Public Library had young children engaged in reading, phonics, songs, numbers, colors and learning healthy habits such as washing their hands, eating healthy snacks and character education. The Kukunitus meets Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 11:30am. A follow-up session is being planned.



## CASINO

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A committee version of the casino bill does not include a requirement for casino investors to have any upfront payment, other than to pay for a non-refundable casino license application fee of \$200,000—down from the original proposal of \$250,000.

Any approved casino license is valid for 30 years unless revoked.

Other members—including Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan)—agreed with Tenorio's proposal to require upfront cash from casino investors.

"If there's no upfront money, we won't be able to really generate money and bring back 80 hours work. I agree with Congressman Froilan," Palacios said.

Tenorio originally wanted \$25 million in upfront money, but he agreed to lower it to \$10 million after discussions on the bill yesterday.

Villagomez, for his part, said a promise of restoring 80 hours biweekly is one of the major reasons why most lawmakers are supporting the Saipan casino bill.

"If you put your word out there, that you will restore 80 hours, then you should take steps to deliver [on] your promise," he said.

The upfront money could be deposited in a Saipan account, and could be used to cover the casino investor's fu-

ture tax payments, among other things.

But Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of House Local Bill 17-44, which seeks to legalize casino gambling on Saipan, said if Tenorio or anybody wants to push for additional changes to the bill that the committee has already pre-filed, they are welcome to offer floor amendments.

Tenorio said that Torres will make the floor amendment, but Torres said it should be Tenorio.

"If he wants it, then he should be the one to do it," Torres said.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the delegation's Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee that prefiled the report endorsing passage of a revised version of HLB 17-44, said the panel has already finalized its report and recommendation.

"So if there are changes that some members want to offer, they can just offer floor amendments during the next session," he said.

The delegation's JGO Committee concluded that Torres's HLB 17-44 is constitutional and has the support of the community.

Torres, Tenorio, and Ray Palacios said there are enough votes to pass the Saipan casino bill. They said they only need simple majority of at least 11 among 21 delegation members—18 from the House and three from the Senate.

### 4 casino licenses

Under HLB 17-44, CS1, there will only be four casino licenses that will be issued on Saipan.

Of the four, one is reserved for a Northern Marianas descent corporation while the three will be for foreign investors. Each of the four will be required to pay a non-refundable \$200,000 casino license application fee.

Casino investors will also be required to have at least 250 hotel rooms for their casino operation.

However, for those investors wanting to build their casino resort from the ground up, the minimum investment amount should be \$100 million.

The committee version of the bill also lowers the casino gaming tax from the original 10 percent to only 7.5 percent.

All the taxes, fees, penalties, and fines will be appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for medical referrals, scholarships, utility payment assistance, tourism, and the Retirement Fund.

Once the bill is signed, the governor needs to appoint five members of the Saipan-Northern Islands Casino Commission within 30 days. Each commissioner will be paid \$50,000 a year, while the executive director will have an annual salary of \$75,000.

The Senate has been saying that the Saipan casino bill is unconstitutional, and has threatened to take the matter to court once the Saipan delegation passes the bill.

Senators said Saipan voters should be the one to decide whether they want a casino on the island. Saipan voters had already twice rejected legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

## JGO

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ers elected to office to do the right thing for the people.

"We can't just close our eyes. We have to do something. But as of now, we haven't decided yet what to do. The JGO Committee will be meeting next week to discuss this," Demapan said.

This follows the Senate's adoption of a resolution asking the CNMI Bar Association to investigate Buckingham's alleged ethical violations.

This was the result of a recommendation by the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Operations—the equivalent of the seven-member House JGO Committee.

The Senate also adopted a resolution asking the Office of the Public Auditor to further investigate the ARRA contract award.

Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan), for his part, said this is an issue that the House leadership has not even discussed.

"If the Senate wants to do it, then let them do it. It's up to them," said Palacios, who is not a member of the JGO panel.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), both members of the JGO Committee, declined to comment.

The Fitial administration has been saying that the U.S. Interior's Inspector General report did not say that ethics and procurement laws and rules were violated when it awarded an ARRA management contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's Integrated Professional Solutions, but only said "may have violated."

The Senate, meanwhile, said Ada was a "victim" in this matter because he, along with the governor and procurement director Herman Sablan, only relied on legal advice from the AG.

## CATTLE

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cattle," Babauta said.

Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* that tourism partners and other concerned citizens have brought to their attention the negative effect of cow manure not only on tourists but also residents visiting Marpi—a popular tourist destination.

DPL personnel visited the site yesterday and confirmed the presence of cow manure "almost everywhere," turning off tourists and residents visiting the famous vantage point.

As a result, the DPL secretary issued a statement yesterday to ranchers and cattle owners.

"Any cattle running loose outside their enclosed area will be seized and considered stray animal and will be properly disposed. Stray cattle have been depositing manure (cow droppings) all over Suicide Cliff area where our tourists visit every day," he said in an announcement.

If there are any loose cattle found after the one-week grace period, Babauta said that DPL will seek the assistance of the Department of Public Safety in eradicating these animals from tourist sites in Marpi.

He also reminded holders of DPL's annual grazing permits that their permit is part of a "privilege program," unlike the homestead program. He said this means the grazing permit is "revocable."

Ramon B. Camacho, chairman of

the Saipan Municipal Council and new president of the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Inc., said it is good to know that DPL has taken a step to address tourism concerns in the Marpi area.

Camacho, a former police officer, said securing cattle will also ensure the safety of motorists and cattle.

"There were incidents when cattle would hit motorists, or the other way around. It's hazardous. By DPL calling owners to secure their cattle, it will be for the best interest of everyone—tourists, residents, motorists and the animals too," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

He called on cattle owners to heed DPL's call.

Josie Kaipat, a Kagman II resident who also expressed concern about cow manure being "everywhere" at Suicide Cliff, said yesterday that DPL's action is welcome news.

"This is wonderful news. I'm glad they're doing something about it. It's really pointless if you keep on barking up the wrong tree, but this is good," Kaipat said in a phone interview.

Kaipat said she went to Suicide Cliff one Sunday to enjoy her weekend and read a book under the shade of a tree, only to find cow manure "everywhere"—from the parking lot to the lookout, under the trees and even on a monument at Suicide Cliff.

The DPL secretary, in a separate interview, said he also read Kaipat's letter to the editor that appeared in yesterday's issue of *Saipan Tribune*, raising concern about animal droppings at Suicide Cliff.



# Fund directed to establish a \$100M reserve for retirees

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To protect retirees from the possible collapse of the Commonwealth pension program, the court ordered the NMI Retirement Fund to keep a reserve fund of \$100 million that will cover those presently employed defined benefit members and retired members who have not received as much as they have contributed.

Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo said the agency received the order from Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo on Tuesday.

The order said the reserve shall not be used to pay the benefits of other members, other than each contributing member with respect to his or her own employee contributions. It shall also not be used for expenditures such as administrative expenses, consultant fees, money managers' fees, and attorney's fees.

Each month the board of trustees shall also update the current amount held in reserve so that they know how much should be set aside if the Fund fails.

The Fund has total net assets of only \$311 million as of June 30, 2011.

According to the order, the reserve sum may be invested along with other funds handled by the Fund.

A court judgment in 2009 determined that the government owes the Fund over \$231 million in unpaid employer contribution; the amount continues to increase. Due to this delinquency, the agency is forced to withdraw from its investments \$50 million to \$75 million annually

to cover its expenses.

In the order issued Tuesday, the court also mandated the Finance secretary to pay the Fund all employer contributions of federally funded employees within three days of the receipt of the order, after the Fund disclosed in a previous hearing that

a certain amount was never remitted to the agency.

The court also ordered both parties—the Fund and central government—to reconcile records of the un-remitted employer contributions. This is on top of the amount determined in 2009.

## Calvo asks court to close her lawsuit vs Scholarship Board

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Roselle D. Calvo, who as a student sued and won against the CNMI Scholarship Board for not using the correct selection process for an honor scholarship award, asked the Superior Court Thursday that the case be deemed closed as a matter of finality and the record of proceedings closed.

In the five years of court litigation to resolve the issue, Calvo has completed her studies at New York University, obtaining a degree in finance/accounting and a graduate degree in accounting. She is on her way to obtaining her certificate as a certified public accountant and has already secured a job.

Calvo's lawyer, Robert T. Torres, submitted Thursday her statement position to the question before the Superior Court whether the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board, its administrator and its board members, have fully complied with the Supreme Court mandate regarding the 2006 Scholarship Applicant and attending regulations.

Torres said that, while Cal-

vo disagrees with the weight accorded the five criteria by the Scholarship Board, she is aware that such a decision is left to the board's discretion.

"Having prevailed on the merits of a process which she challenged and pursued a process on her principles of fairness, Ms. Calvo reports that she will not issue any further challenges as to the board's actions in the re-calculation process," Torres said.

In 2009, the CNMI Supreme Court ordered the NMI Scholarship Board to reevaluate the entire 2006 honor scholarship applications process and award the scholarships based on the criteria set by law in selecting recipients.

Calvo graduated class salutatorian at Marianas Baptist Academy in 2006. She sued the board after failing to be selected for the honor scholarship award despite complying with all the requirements.

In 2007, the Superior Court affirmed the NMI scholarship advisory board's methods for selecting honor scholarship recipients. She appealed the trial court's decision to the high court, which reversed the trial court decision.



### NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chris Nelson, right, takes the board of directors' oath of office administered by Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce on Aug. 18, 2011, at the MVA office in Oleai, Saipan. Nelson is the president and managing partner of Flame Tree TV, which owns and operates the Local Channel 2 and The Visitor's Channel 3. He is also the founder and president of Marianas Trekking, an adventure tour company based at the Mariana Resort and Spa. He will serve until June 2012, the remainder of the term of resigned board member Ray Dela Cruz.

## Navy training on Farallon de Medinilla

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 21-22, from 7am to midnight.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during

the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency

that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (USN)

## Power outage in Kagman, Papago on Sunday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power interruption in Kagman on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011 from 5am to 8am.

Areas that will be affected cover Feeder 4 (second partial), from the intersection of Kagman Mobil gas station to the Kagman homesteads.

The purpose of this inter-

ruption is to allow Kimco Inc. linemen to complete the installation of conductors and hardware on the electric distribution system that was relocated for the Cross Island Isa Road Phase 2 Expansion Project. This will finalize this phase of the project.

Because of the scale of the work that will be performed,

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the PSS Conference Room, Marianas High School, Susupe, Saipan MP.

#### AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    - i. June 30, 2011 Special Board Meeting
    - ii. August 03, 2011 Special Board Meeting
- II. Public Comments<sup>1</sup>
- III. Reports
  - a. Chair
  - b. Board Committees
    - i. FPA
    - ii. LIA
  - c. Commissioner of Education
    - i. Financial Status Reports
      - a. Federal
      - b. Local
    - ii. Other matters
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - a. Ad Hoc Committee on COE Evaluation
- V. New Business
  1. Ratification of the LIA Itr to Governor Fital on HB 17-192
  2. Merger of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School and Rota High School
  3. JROTC Proposed Budget
  4. Head Start Program Supplemental Grant Application
  5. Head Start Program T&TA Grant Application
  6. Head Start Program PIR Report
  7. Proposed Repealing of Extended Day Credits [EDC]
  8. Retirement 60% Employer Contribution
  9. Proposed NAP Cost Adjustment
  10. Proposed CCLHS Strategic Plan
- VI. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>
  - a. Legal Updates
  - b. Personnel
  - c. Other matters
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
  - a. BOE PD Fund
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.  
<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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## Help a nation that can't help itself

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**W**hat do you do with a Somalia? Americans have wanted to have as little to do as possible with the East African nation ever since 19 U.S. soldiers were killed in the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu, made famous in the 2001 movie "Black Hawk Down," which was based on a book by former Philadelphia Inquirer reporter Mark Bowden.

But Somalia won't let this country, or any other, it seems, forget that it is still here. It has become the very definition of anarchy, with only a semblance of a government that can do little to control the terrorists, pirates, and warlords who make life in the country miserable.

The world also can't forget Somalia because it is the most destitute of the nations in the Horn of Africa, suffering from the region's latest drought and famine. The United Nations says more than 3.2 million Somalis, half the nation's population, are in need of food and other aid. More than 600,000 Somalis have fled to neighboring countries.

The world has responded to the East African crisis, which has affected about 12 million people in all. But the aid is not arriving as quickly as it should. As a result, more than a half-million children, many of them in Somalia, are fighting severe malnutrition and could die.

UNICEF recently reported that it faced a \$200 million shortfall in emergency funds needed for the region, including more than \$120 million for Somalia alone. Afshan Khan, a UNICEF director, urged potential donors to focus on the most vulnerable victims. "Children don't choose where they are born, to whom they are born, what type of government rules them," she said.

Still, it's understandable that some might hesitate to give to relief funds, knowing there is a good chance the aid may never reach its intended recipients. The U.N. World Food Program acknowledged this week that much of the food meant for starving Somalis is being stolen and sold in markets at prices the poor could never afford.

Piles of food have been seen in Mogadishu markets with stamps showing the items came from the WFP, America's USAID, or the Japanese or Kuwaiti governments. Nevertheless, people must continue to give, hoping steps can be taken to get more of the aid to victims.

No one knows when things will be better. Somalia's civil war has lasted 20 years and has been exacerbated by U.S. efforts, aided by Ethiopia, to uproot the Islamic terrorist group al-Shabab. But the famine victims can't wait for better days. They need help now.



## What happened to Obama?

**I**t was a blustery day in Washington on Jan. 20, 2009, as it often seems to be on the day of a presidential inauguration. As I stood with my 8-year-old daughter, watching the president deliver his inaugural address, I had a feeling of unease. It wasn't just that the man who could be so eloquent had seemingly chosen not to be on this auspicious occasion, although that turned out to be a troubling harbinger of things to come. It was that there was a story the American people were waiting to hear—and needed to hear—but he didn't tell it. And in the ensuing months he continued not to tell it, no matter how outrageous the slings and arrows his opponents threw at him.

The stories our leaders tell us matter, probably almost as much as the stories our parents tell us as children, because they orient us to what is, what could be, and what should be; to the worldviews they hold and to the values they hold sacred. Our brains evolved to "expect" stories with a particular structure, with protagonists and villains, a hill to be climbed or a battle to be fought. Our species existed for more than 100,000 years before the earliest signs of literacy, and another 5,000 years would pass before the majority of humans would know how to read and write.

Stories were the primary way our ancestors transmitted knowledge and values. Today we seek movies, novels and "news stories" that put the events of the day in a form that our brains evolved to find compelling and memorable. Children crave bedtime stories; the holy books of the three great monotheistic religions are written in parables; and as research in cognitive science has shown, lawyers whose closing arguments tell a story win jury trials against their legal adversaries who just lay out "the facts of the case."

When Barack Obama rose to the lectern on Inauguration Day, the nation was in tatters. Americans were scared and angry. The economy was spinning in reverse. Three-quarters of a million people lost their jobs that month. Many had lost their homes, and with them the only nest eggs they had. Even the usually impervious upper middle class had seen a decade of stagnant or declining investment, with the stock market dropping in value with no end in sight. Hope was as scarce as credit.

In that context, Americans needed their president to tell them a story that made sense of what they had just been through, what caused it, and how it was going to end. They needed to hear that he understood what they were feeling, that he would track down those responsible for their pain and suffering, and that he would restore order and safety. What they were waiting for, in broad strokes, was a story something like this:

"I know you're scared and angry. Many of you have lost your jobs, your homes, your hope. This was a disaster, but it was not a natural disaster. It was made by Wall Street gamblers who speculated with your lives and futures. It was made by conservative extrem-

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The New York Times

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ists who told us that if we just eliminated regulations and rewarded greed and recklessness, it would all work out. But it didn't work out. And it didn't work out 80 years ago, when the same people sold our grandparents the same bill of goods, with the same results. But we learned something from our grandparents about how to fix it, and we will draw on their wisdom. We will restore business confidence the old-fashioned way: by putting money back in the pockets of working Americans by putting them back to work, and by restoring integrity to our financial markets and demanding it of those who want to run them. I can't promise that we won't make mistakes along the way. But I can promise you that they will be honest mistakes, and that your government has your back again." A story isn't a policy. But that simple narrative—and the policies that would naturally have flowed from it—would have inoculated against much of what was to come in the intervening two and a half years of failed government, idled factories and idled hands. That story would have made clear that the president understood that the American people had given Democrats the presidency and majorities in both houses of Congress to fix the mess the Republicans and Wall Street had made of the country, and that this would not be a power-sharing arrangement. It would have made clear that the problem wasn't tax-and-spend liberalism or the deficit—a deficit that didn't exist until George W. Bush gave nearly \$2 trillion in tax breaks largely to the wealthiest Americans and squandered \$1 trillion in two wars.

And perhaps most important, it would have offered a clear, compelling alternative to the dominant narrative of the right, that our problem is not due to spending on things like the pensions of firefighters, but to the fact that those who can afford to buy influence are rewriting the rules so they can cut themselves progressively larger slices of the American pie while paying less of their fair share for it.

But there was no story—and there has been none since.

In similar circumstances, Franklin D. Roosevelt offered Americans a promise to use the power of his office to make their lives better and to keep trying until he got it right. Beginning in his first inaugural address, and in the fireside chats that followed, he

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explained how the crash had happened, and he minced no words about those who had caused it. He promised to do something no president had done before: to use the resources of the United States to put Americans directly to work, building the infrastructure we still rely on today. He swore to keep the people who had caused the crisis out of the halls of power, and he made good on that promise. In a 1936 speech at Madison Square Garden, he thundered, "Never before in all our history have these forces been so united against one candidate as they stand today. They are unanimous in their hate for me—and I welcome their hatred."

When Barack Obama stepped into the Oval Office, he stepped into a cycle of American history, best exemplified by F.D.R. and his distant cousin, Teddy. After a great technological revolution or a major economic transition, as when America changed from a nation of farmers to an urban industrial one, there is often a period of great concentration of wealth, and with it, a concentration of power in the wealthy. That's what we saw in 1928, and that's what we see today. At some point that power is exercised so injudiciously, and the lives of so many become so unbearable, that a period of reform ensues—and a charismatic reformer emerges to lead that renewal. In that sense, Teddy Roosevelt started the cycle of reform his cousin picked up 30 years later, as he began efforts to bust the trusts and regulate the railroads, exercise federal power over the banks and the nation's food supply, and protect America's land and wildlife, creating the modern environmental movement.

Those were the shoes—that was the historic role—that Americans elected Barack Obama to fill. The president is fond of referring to "the arc of history," paraphrasing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous statement that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." But with his deep-seated aversion to conflict and his profound failure to understand bully dynamics—in which conciliation is always the wrong course of action, because bullies perceive it as weakness and just punch harder the next time—he has broken that arc and has likely bent it backward for at least a generation.

When Dr. King spoke of the great arc bending toward justice, he did not mean that we should wait for it to bend. He exhorted others to put their full weight behind it, and he gave his life speaking with a voice that cut through the blistering force of water cannons and the gnashing teeth of police dogs. He preached the gospel of nonviolence, but he knew that whether a bully hid behind a club or a poll tax, the only effective response was to face the bully down, and to make the bully show his true and repugnant face in public.

IN contrast, when faced with the greatest economic crisis, the greatest levels of economic inequality, and the greatest levels of corporate influence on politics since the Depression, Barack Obama stared into the eyes of history and chose to avert his gaze. Instead of indicting the people whose recklessness wrecked the economy, he put them in charge of it. He never explained that decision to the public—a failure in storytelling as extraordinary as the failure in judgment behind it. Had the president chosen to bend the arc of history, he would have told the public the story of the destruction wrought by the dismantling of the New Deal regulations that had protected them for more than half a century. He would have offered them a counternarrative of how to fix the problem other than the politics of appeasement, one that emphasized creating economic demand and consumer confidence by putting consumers back to work. He would have had to stare down those who had wrecked the economy, and he would have had to tolerate their hatred if not welcome it. But the arc of his temperament just didn't bend that far.

The truly decisive move that broke the arc of history was his handling of the stimulus. The public was desperate for a leader who would speak with confidence, and they were ready to follow wherever the president led. Yet instead of indicting the economic policies and principles that had just eliminated eight million jobs, in the most damaging of the tic-like gestures of compromise that have become the hallmark of his presidency—and against the advice of multiple Nobel-Prize-winning economists—he backed away from his advisers who proposed a big stimulus, and then diluted it with tax cuts

that had already been shown to be inert. The result, as predicted in advance, was a half-stimulus that half-stimulated the economy. That, in turn, led the White House to feel rightly unappreciated for having saved the country from another Great Depression but in the unenviable position of having to argue a counterfactual—that something terrible might have happened had it not half-acted.

To the average American, who was still staring into the abyss, the half-stimulus did nothing but prove that Ronald Reagan was right, that government is the problem. In fact, the average American had no idea what Democrats were trying to accomplish by deficit spending because no one bothered to explain it to them with the repetition and evocative imagery that our brains require to make

an idea, particularly a paradoxical one, "stick."

Nor did anyone explain what health care reform was supposed to accomplish (other than the unbelievable and even more uninspiring claim that it would "bend the cost curve"), or why "credit card reform" had led to an increase in the interest rates they were already struggling to pay. Nor did anyone explain why saving the banks was such a priority, when saving the homes the banks were foreclosing didn't seem to be. All Americans knew, and all they know today, is that they're still unemployed, they're still worried about how they're going to pay their bills at the end of the month and their kids still can't get a job. And now the Republicans are chipping away at unemployment insurance, and the president is making his usual impotent verbal exhortations after bargaining it away.

What makes the "deficit debate" we just experienced seem so surreal is how divorced the conversation in Washington has been from conversations around the kitchen table everywhere else in America. Although I am a scientist by training, over the last several years, as a messaging consultant to nonprofit groups and Democratic leaders, I have studied the way voters think and feel, talking to them in plain language.

At this point, I have interacted in person or virtually with more than 50,000 Americans on a range of issues, from taxes and deficits to abortion and immigration.

The average voter is far more worried about jobs than about the deficit, which few were talking about while Bush and the Republican Congress were running it up. The conventional wisdom is that Americans hate government, and if you ask

the question in the abstract, people will certainly give you an earful about what government does wrong. But if you give them the choice between cutting the deficit and putting Americans back to work, it isn't even close. But it's not just jobs. Americans don't share the priorities of either party on taxes, budgets or any of the things Congress and the president have just agreed to slash—or failed to slash, like subsidies to oil companies. When it comes to tax cuts for the wealthy, Americans are united across the political spectrum, supporting a message that says, "In times like these, millionaires ought to be giving to charity, not getting it."

When pitted against a tough budget-cutting message straight from the mouth of its strongest advocates, swing voters vastly preferred a message that began, "The best way to reduce the deficit is to put Americans back to work." This statement is far more consistent with what many economists are saying publicly—and what investors apparently believe, as evident in the nosedive the stock market took after the president and Congress "saved" the economy.

So where does that leave us?

Like most Americans, at this point, I have no idea what Barack Obama—and by extension the party he leads—believes on virtually any issue. The president tells us he prefers a "balanced" approach to deficit reduction, one that weds "revenue enhancements" (a weak way of describing popular taxes on the rich and big corporations that are evading them) with "entitlement cuts" (an equally poor choice of words that implies that people who've worked their whole lives are looking for handouts). But the law he just signed includes only the cuts. This pattern of presenting inconsistent positions with no apparent recognition of their incoherence is another hallmark of this president's storytelling. He announces in a speech on energy and climate change that we need to expand offshore oil drilling and coal production—two methods of obtaining fuels that contribute to the extreme weather Americans are now seeing. He supports a health care law that will use Medicaid to insure about 15 million more Americans and then endorses a budget plan that, through cuts to state budgets, will most likely decimate Medicaid and other essential programs for children, senior citizens and people who are vulnerable by virtue of disabilities or an economy that is getting weaker by the day. He gives a major speech on immigration reform after deporting a million immigrants in two years, breaking up families at a pace George W. Bush could never rival in all his years as president.

THE real conundrum is why the president seems so compelled to take both sides of every issue, encouraging voters to project whatever they want on him, and hoping they won't realize which hand is holding the rabbit. That a large section of the country views him as a socialist while many in his own party are concluding that he does not share their values speaks volumes—but not the volumes his advisers are selling: that if you make both the right and left mad, you must be doing something right.

As a practicing psychologist with more than 25 years of experience, I will resist the temptation to diagnose at a distance, but as a scientist and strategic consultant I will venture some hypotheses.

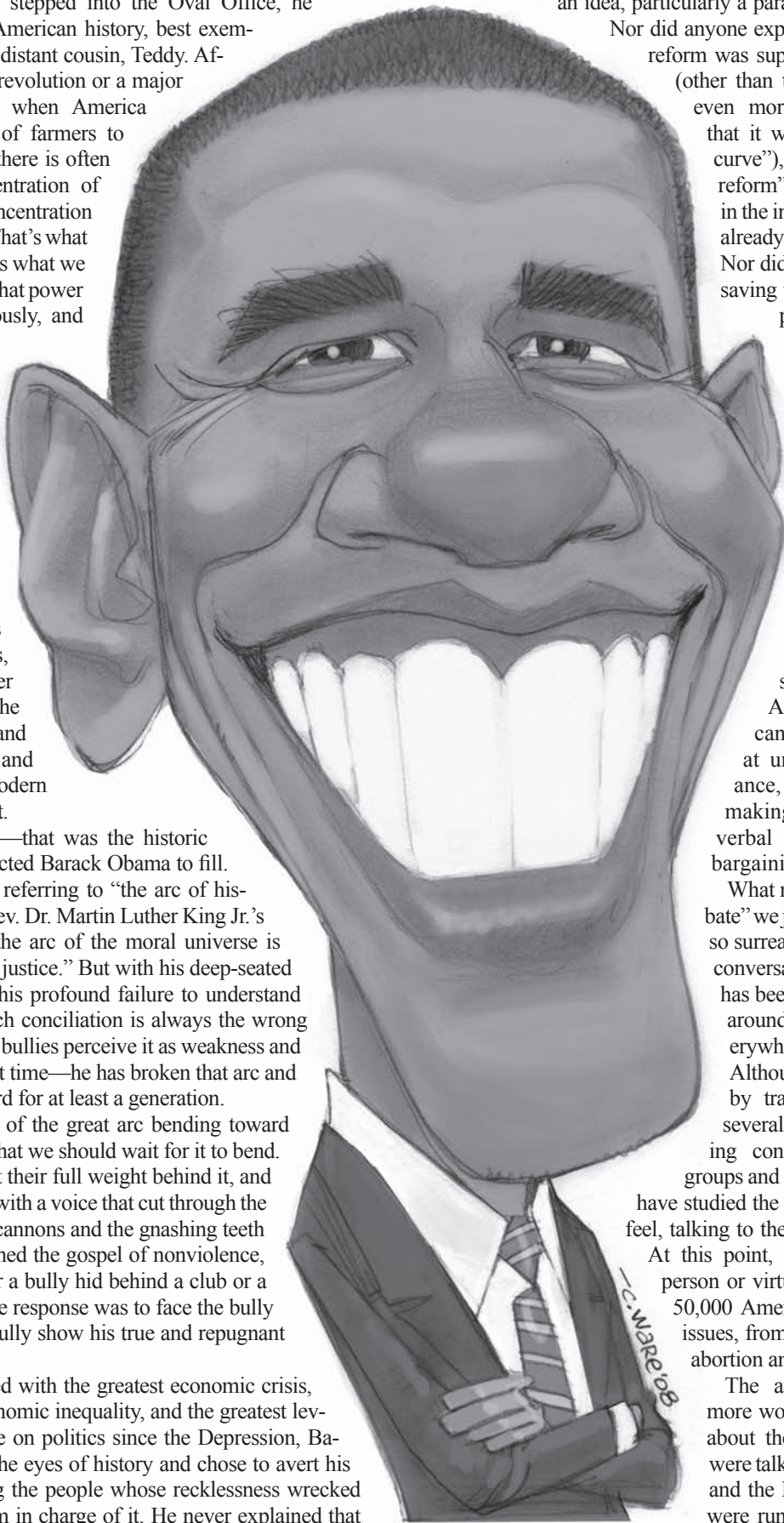
The most charitable explanation is that he and his advisers have succumbed to a view of electoral success to which many Democrats succumb—that "centrist" voters like "centrist" politicians. Unfortunately, reality is more complicated. Centrist voters prefer honest politicians who help them solve their problems. A second possibility is that he is simply not up to the task by virtue of his lack of experience and a character defect that might not have been so debilitating at some other time in history. Those of us who were bewitched by his eloquence on the campaign trail chose to ignore some disquieting aspects of his biography: that he had accomplished very little before he ran for president, having never run a business or a state; that he had a singularly unremarkable career as a law professor, publishing nothing in 12 years at the University of Chicago other than an autobiography; and that, before joining the United States Senate, he had voted "present" (instead of "yea" or "nay") 130 times, sometimes dodging difficult issues.

A somewhat less charitable explanation is that we are a nation that is being held hostage not just by an extremist Republican Party but also by a president who either does not know what he believes or is willing to take whatever position he thinks will lead to his re-election. Perhaps those of us who were so enthralled with the magnificent story he told in "Dreams From My Father" appended a chapter at the end that wasn't there—the chapter in which he resolves his identity and comes to know who he is and what he believes in.

Or perhaps, like so many politicians who come to Washington, he has already been consciously or unconsciously corrupted by a system that tests the souls even of people of tremendous integrity, by forcing them to dial for dollars—in the case of the modern presidency, for hundreds of millions of dollars. When he wants to be, the president is a brilliant and moving speaker, but his stories virtually always lack one element: the villain who caused the problem, who is always left out, described in impersonal terms, or described in passive voice, as if the cause of others' misery has no agency and hence no culpability. Whether that reflects his aversion to conflict, an aversion to conflict with potential campaign donors that today cripples both parties' ability to govern and threatens our democracy, or both, is unclear.

A final explanation is that he ran for president on two contradictory platforms: as a reformer who would clean up the system, and as a unity candidate who would transcend the lines of red and blue. He has pursued the one with which he is most comfortable given the constraints of his character, consistently choosing the message of bipartisanship over the message of confrontation.

But the arc of history does not bend toward justice through capitulation cast as compromise. It does not bend when 400 people control more of the wealth than 150 million of their fellow Americans. It does not bend when the average middle-class family has seen its income stagnate over the last 30 years while the richest 1 percent has seen its income rise astronomically. It does not bend when we cut the fixed incomes of our parents and grandparents so hedge fund managers can keep their 15 percent tax rates. It does not bend when only one side in negotiations between workers and their bosses is allowed representation. And it does not bend when, as political scientists have shown, it is not public opinion but the opinions of the wealthy that predict the votes of the Senate. The arc of history can bend only so far before it breaks.










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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
				
Partly sunny with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Majuro	Rain	▲ 80 ▼ 77

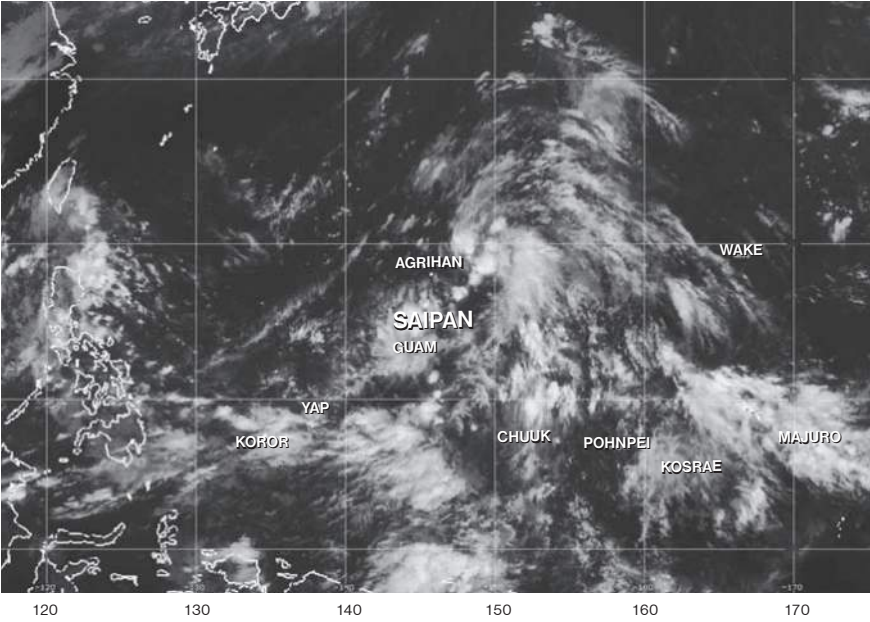
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 39
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 76
London	Showers	▲ 76 ▼ 62
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Paris	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 69
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲ 80 ▼ 74
Rome	Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 73
Salem	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 54
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 71
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲ 78 ▼ 73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 72

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
11:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
5:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
11:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from 11N130E to a weak circulation centered near Yap at 11N138E then turns southeastward to end at EQ155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of the trough around Koror and south of Yap and well south of Guam within 150 miles of a line from 8N130E to 7N145E to 3N147E. A surface trough east of the Marianas stretches southwestward from 20N152E to 12N143E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring around Guam and the CNMI between 12N and 16N from 142E to 146E and between 13N and 20N from 148E to 153E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Chuuk within 140 miles of a line from 6N153E to 15N154E and over Kwajalein and Majuro within 200 miles of a line from 13N161E to 8N171E to 6N180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:20 PM	11:44 AM
Sunday	11:20 PM	11:44 AM
Monday		12:35 PM
Tuesday	12:08 AM	1:27 PM
Wednesday	12:59 AM	2:20 PM

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FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
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<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
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<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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# Maharlika

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

"The Spratlys are worth dying for."

This is Filipino-American lawyer Ted Laguatan's unequivocal view on the controversy involving a group of more than 750 reefs, islets, atolls, and islands off the coast of the Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Laguatan is the spokesperson of U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, a group of concerned business and civic Filipino leaders in American founded after the inauguration of President Benigno S. Aquino III.

USP4GG is calling on all Filipinos across the globe to join their Prayer Forum for Peace in the Spratlys, a non-political, non-religious event that will be held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center tomorrow, Aug. 21, from 1:30pm to 5pm.

Beneath Spratlys' four square kilometers of land lies vast reserves of oil and gas deposits that are largely unexplored, prompting ownership disputes over portions of the islands among several countries, including China. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Brunei all claim portions of the disputed islands that fall within a 200-mile radius or the Exclusive Economic Zone by way of the 1982 United Nations Convention Law of the Sea.

But China, one of the signatories to the UNCLOS, claims rights on all of Spratlys, increasing hostility in the decades-long territorial disputes with its more aggressive approach.

"We cannot allow China with her bullying ways to just take

## Prayer forum for Spratlys seek peaceful resolution to dispute



Pagasa Island, part of the disputed Spratlys group of islands, in the South China Sea located off the coast of western Philippines.

this vast national wealth from us," Laguatan told *Saipan Tribune*. "We would be betraying future generations of Filipinos whose lives will surely be better because of this wealth."

The country's position on the Spratly dispute was made clear when Aquino delivered his State of the Nation Address last month. "Now our message to the world is clear. What is ours is ours; setting foot on Recto Bank is no different from setting foot on Recto Avenue," said the president, referring to the local name for Reed Bank, a group of small islands claimed both by the Philippines and China.

According to Laguatan, China's claim on the Spratlys is "based on absurdity" since it is founded on an ancient map from the Han Dynasty dating back 2,000 years ago, while the Philippines' claim is based on

the UNCLOS.

Laguatan said that China's intrusion into Philippine territory should be opposed in all ways possible, including armed means. "China's use of force to take away our oil for free must be condemned in no uncertain terms and brought to the attention of the world. If they want our oil, they should pay fair prices for it—not steal it."

While China is reckoned a formidable force in the global community, overtaking Japan as the second largest economy in the world, Laguatan maintained that the Philippines has a strong foothold in settling this dispute.

"China may be a Goliath but the global community is on our side because of the strength of our moral position. That other superpower, the United States, is also on our side. We are not exactly helpless," added Laguatan.

He said the global prayer campaign is the idea of attorney Rodel Rodis, president of US-

P4GG. Rodel is in charge of organizing the forum globally and in the San Francisco Bay area. Loida Nicolas Lewis, meanwhile, handles the East Coast.

Celia Lamkin, president for the CNMI Chapter of USP4GG, said that tomorrow's prayer forum will feature CNMI Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, Senate President Paul A. Manglona, Pastor Ray Kinsella of Grace Christian Ministries, Pastor Manuelito Rey of Cornerstone Christian Church, and executive director John Oliver Gonzales of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

A holy Mass at Kristo Rai Church will follow after the prayer forum. Various church services on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will also be conducted in support of the prayer forum.

Lamkin, who is also the prayer forum overall coordinator for the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii, said around 58 sites in 19 countries/states have registered for the prayer forum.

Macaraig said the program aims to increase the level of awareness of diabetes prevention and control, hypertension prevention and eye/vision pressure correction among Filipino workers.

"Through this project, the Philippine Consulate General hopes to reach more and serve even if in a modest way, the medical needs, while fostering the spirit of volunteerism in the true spirit of Filipino *bayanihan* [on] Saipan," said Macaraig.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration will hold a free health screening for Filipino workers next month.

The Free Health Screening for OFWs for the third quarter of 2011 is scheduled on Sept. 4 at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

The screening is done in cooperation with the Filipino Volunteer Medical Team, the CNMI Pharmacist Association, Hardt Eye Clinic, and volunteer Filipino community members.

Registration starts at 6:30am and the actual screening is from 7am to noon.

Medical services that will be provided include blood pres-

sure, blood sugar, and eye-vision check-ups. Those who will avail of blood sugar level check-up should not eat or drink anything from midnight prior to testing until blood samples are obtained.

A total of 392 Filipino workers were served during the second quarter free health screening on June 5.

Consul General Medardo

## Consulate to offer free health screening in Sept.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch will conduct its seventh Village-to-Village Medical Mission today from 4pm to 7pm at the Kagman II basketball court.

Church spokesperson Ronnie Doca said that this will be the last Village-to-Village Medical

Mission that they will perform before they move it to their church next month.

"This will be our last Village-to-Village Medical Mission because we will be busy with our church activities, which we have lined up all the way to December," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The next medical mission slated for Sept. 25 will be held

at their church in San Jose.

Today's medical mission, Doca said, falls on a Saturday instead of their usual Sunday schedule, also because of their church activities.

Services will include eye check up by Hardt Eye Clinic; blood sugar and blood pressure screening by the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club; and body massage and

reflexology, facial massage, haircut, and counseling by Tropical Blend Salon & Spa and church volunteers.

"We want to thank our latest supporters, Hardt Eye Clinic and Tropical Blend Salon & Spa, for making our mission possible," added Doca.

For more information, call Pastor Claire Javillonar at 235-1656 or text 789-7566.

## Consulate to conduct mobile services on Tinian in Sept.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Filipinos on Tinian will be able to avail of consular services as the Philippine Consulate General plans to conduct another mobile consular services on the island next month.

The mobile consular services on Tinian will be held on Sept. 16 and 17 at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Consul

General Medardo Macaraig, labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, welfare officer Julia Fabian, staffers Nerisa Anastacio and Antonio David will form the consular team to visit Tinian.

Macaraig noted that requirements for those who wish to apply or renew their ePassports remain the same, except for a photograph which

is no longer required.

Information about requirements for passport and other consular documents may be found at the Consulate's website, [www.philippines-saipan.org](http://www.philippines-saipan.org).

To facilitate the process and allow the consular team to serve more Filipinos, Macaraig urged passport applicants to download the application form from

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the website and send the accomplished form

via fax to 234-1849, email to [saipanpcg@pticom.com](mailto:saipanpcg@pticom.com) or postal mail to P.O. Box 500731 Saipan, 96950 CNMI.

Macaraig said that there will also be mobile consular services for Filipinos on Rota in October, with more details to be announced on a later date.

For more information, call the Philippine Consulate General at 234-1848.

## How OFWs can win the battle against unbearable *utang*

By BENJAMIN PIMENTEL  
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Tony Ranque worked for years in Saudi Arabia where he faced a dilemma other overseas Filipinos have probably encountered: The longer he worked abroad, the bigger his debt grew.

"Imagine the worst situation, when my credit cards, all five of them, were used up to their maximum credit limits," he told me.

Eventually, overwhelming financial burden combined with the strain of separation led to the collapse of his marriage.

Today, Tony is one of many Filipinos using their experiences to take on a pressing need: Helping other overseas Pinoys and their families become smarter with money and debt.

Let's affirm a key premise here: Overseas Filipinos perform a vital role by sending money back home to help their families. But there's also a growing need for families to find better ways to manage funds coming from abroad.

And we're not talking about totally avoiding debt. In many cases, as I've noted, debt is necessary to meet a need.

But there's such a thing as smart debt and dumb debt. Worse, there is unbearable *utang*—debt that becomes so overwhelming that overseas Filipinos end up wearing themselves out as they find themselves trapped in a vicious cycle.

Charito Basa, an OFW advocate based in Europe, listed four general principles for overseas Filipinos and their families (which actually applies to ev-

eryone in this time of crisis): **Have a budget and stick to it no matter what**

"There'll be special requests from family and friends that will tempt migrants to deviate from their budget," she says. "Be firm. People will eventually understand that they are doing it for the good of everyone."

**Save first, before spending (not the other way around)**

Set aside a fixed amount for savings. Charito recommends at least 10 percent of one's income. She and Tony Ranque point to the tested formula for sound personal finance management: Income minus Savings equals Expenses.

"Saving a portion of your income is a must, not an option," Tony says. "If you cannot develop the habit of savings which is founded on discipline, force yourself to save by getting pension plans and other types of pre-need plans."

**Have insurance (health, education, retirement, pensions)**

"When done through reputable companies, insurance plans can guarantee that needs are attended professionally and that funds are available when most needed," says Charito.

**Stay away from "get-rich-quick" schemes**

This rule applies to everyone. Imagine this: Someone's offering you some investment plan with eye-popping returns. Sounds tempting. But the smart approach is to ask very tough, detailed questions. Or simply walk away. Chances are it's either a wild scheme, or even a scam.



# Philippine president to make 5-day visit to China

By OLIVER TEVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—President Benigno Aquino III will make a state visit to China that will be dominated by trade and economic issues instead of the two countries' simmering territorial dispute, officials said Thursday.

Aquino will have his first talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao during the Aug. 30-Sept. 3 visit, said Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez.

The trip seeks increased trade, investment, culture, tourism and other exchanges between the countries, Hernandez said.

Presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said Aquino's delegation will include about 300 mostly

## Aquino won't meet with slain HK hostages' kin

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine president will not agree to meet families of some of the eight Hong Kong hostages who died in a botched police rescue in Manila last year, an official said Thursday.

President Benigno Aquino III has instead delegated his justice secretary, Leila de Lima, to explain to the relatives the steps the Philippine government has taken to address their demand for compensation, spokesman Edwin Lacierda said.

A dismissed policeman fighting for reinstatement hijacked a bus carrying the Hong Kong tourists. Eight people died before a commando team killed the hostage-taker 11 hours later.

A Hong Kong inquest earlier this year concluded that Philippine officials contributed to or caused the deaths of the eight tourists. Philippine Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo has said that police fire did not kill any hostages.

Lacierda said Aquino won't

meet with the families because the Philippines does not want to be drawn into the politics of Hong Kong's upcoming election.

Hong Kong lawmaker James To, who plans to join the relatives in their visit to mark the Aug. 23 anniversary of the hostage-taking that has soured relations between the Philippines and Hong Kong, said he was disappointed. He also accused Manila of trying to shift the focus away from the tragedy.

"We understand the anger

of the families," Lacierda said. "We have taken concrete steps."

De Lima said she will inform the families of the government actions, including filing of charges against those involved, the country's legal system, and proposed reforms to better deal with similar situations.

The only official fired as a result of the police fiasco was a deputy ombudsman. Many in Hong Kong are upset that the Philippines chose not to pursue criminal charges.



**Aquino**

rich Spratly Islands that are claimed in part by Manila.

The Associated Press, does not specify the issues in the conflict that Aquino will bring up. However, it is likely he will urge Beijing to reconsider a proposal to bring the territorial dispute to a U.N. tribunal.

China has insisted that the dispute be settled bilaterally.

Aquino also plans to visit Hongjian village in Fujian province, the home of the great-grandfather of his late mother, former President Corazon Aquino.

### PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

#### 7 killed on way to funeral in central Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Police say at least seven people have been killed and dozens injured after a truck fell into a ravine in the central Philippines after its brakes malfunctioned. Regional police chief Ager Ontog says the government-owned dump truck was taking mourners to a funeral at a cemetery in Cebu province's Barili township on Thursday. Local reports say the truck overturned and crushed some of the victims. It was the third major road accident in Cebu with mass casualties this year. At least 15 died when their bus slammed into a concrete barrier in July in Toledo city. A month earlier, a bus rented by Iranian medical students fell into a ravine in Balamban township, killing 21 people. Brake failures were also blamed for those accidents.

#### Philippines arrests suspect in attack on governor

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine police say they have arrested a suspect in a car bomb attack that killed two people but missed a governor traveling in a violent southern region. Maguindanao Gov. Esmel Mangudadatu took office after many of his relatives were slain in the country's worst political massacre in 2009. Sultan Kudarat police chief Danilo Peralta said Thursday that authorities arrested the suspect after a witness saw him leaving the bomb-laden car and fleeing the scene of Monday's attack in Tacurong City. Police say a howitzer round in the car blew up and struck a vehicle in Mangudadatu's passing convoy, killing an official and a passer-by and wounding six others. Police are looking for a second man who was also seen leaving the car before it exploded.

Chinese-Filipino businessmen.

Aquino is to address business forums in Beijing, Shanghai and Xiamen to showcase the Philippines as an invest-

ment destination.

The two sides are also expected to sign a five-year agreement on trade and economic cooperation, Hernandez said.

## AP Interview: Filipino rebel forms splinter group

By JIM GOMEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A radical guerrilla commander said he has split from the Philippines' largest Muslim rebel group and formed his own with hundreds of fighters to wage a war for a separate homeland.

Ameril Umbra Kato told The Associated Press in a cellphone interview Thursday from his jungle hide-out in southern Maguindanao province that he would not return to the mainstream Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which has opened peace talks with the government and threatened to expel him after he led a mutiny in December.

Kato denied allegations by Philippine security officials that he has links with al-Qaida-affiliated militants in the country's volatile south and was involved in deadly bombings and terrorist attacks.

He said his new group would

be known as the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Front. Its guerrilla wing, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, was organized in January, a month after he broke off from the main Muslim guerrilla force over differences with insurgent leaders.

"This is the true jihad, the true revolution," Kato said.

Kato, who has about 200 to 300 fighters according to his former comrades, did not give details about his combat force or say what steps he would take next.

Kato, who is in his late 60s, said he left because his former group chose to "waste time" by deciding to negotiate with the government for expanded autonomy instead of waging a battle for an independent Muslim homeland that would liberate minority Muslims from crushing poverty and neglect.

"We've been going around and around wasting money and look where the peace talks have

brought us," Kato said. "The roots of the conflict have not been solved."

Rebel spokesman Von Al Haq from the main Moro group expressed relief that Kato finally has clearly indicated he wants to lead his own organization but warned "he will be accountable for his actions, which will no longer have any bearing on the MILF."

"It's a process of elimination," Al Haq said. "At the end of the day, all those who couldn't hold firm on our basic principles fall on the wayside."

The infighting within the main 11,000-strong rebel force underscores the complexity of the Muslim unrest that has claimed more than 120,000 lives and stunted growth in the impoverished but resource-rich south of the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines.

The main guerrilla force currently led by Murad Ebrahim split in 1978 from the Moro Na-

tional Liberation Front, which dropped its secessionist bid for autonomy and signed a landmark peace accord with Manila in 1996. Murad's group dropped its bid for independence last year but demanded a more powerful type of autonomy with greater control over wider territory.

Murad's group said Kato, who used to head one of its largest and most battle-tested commands, resigned in December, citing his age and poor health. But Kato then formed a breakaway group and accused Murad's group of betraying the Muslim cause by seeking autonomy instead of independence.

"They did that without consulting the Muslims. They cheated," Kato said.

Philippine officials have expressed concern over the infighting, which they say casts doubts about the main rebel group's ability to enforce any future accord in peace talks brokered by Malaysia.

## Paris Hilton opens new handbag store in Manila

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Paris Hilton has opened a new handbag store in a Manila mall.

Hundreds of star-struck fans, local celebrities and journalists jostled to see her Thursday, cameras ready. Wild cheers erupted when Hilton told the crowd "I love you" in the local Tagalog language. She said she'll miss Manila and plans to be back soon to open a resort-inspired residential project.

"I will be back very soon 'coz I love it here," she said. "I've had the best time."

She signed bags bought from the Paris Hilton Handbags and

Accessories store at the SM Megamall, her fourth shop in the country. She also posed for pictures with fans before rushing to catch a flight to Los Angeles.

A male fan who brought a portrait he made of Hilton got a kiss, much to his thrill.

The heiress-turned-TV star reportedly lost two mobile devices on her flight to the Philippines. She told The Associated Press the phones have not been found.

In 2005, hackers gained access to Hilton's Sidekick cellphone and famously splashed the private mobile numbers of her celebrity friends online.



American heiress and media personality Paris Hilton autographs the arm of a fan following a news conference at the financial district of Makati city, east of Manila, Philippines, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011. Hilton is in Manila for a five-day visit to announce her partnership with a property and resort development company, inaugurate her own line of boutique and to meet her friend, Filipino world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao and wife Jinkee.



# Samu't Sari

## CLEAN & GREEN

Some 30 Shirley's Coffee Shop staff and family members pose for a group photo after taking part in last Tuesday's cleanup at the beach behind Aquarius Beach Tower in Chalan Kanoa.

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The cleanup drive was able to collect 14 trash bags.



Shirley's Coffee Shop staff and their children work together.



Shirley's Coffee Shop staff and family members who took part in the cleanup enjoyed a get-together at Susan Macario's house along As Lito Road.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 18th birthday to Marlyn Luvonne C. Naputi, right, and happy 14th birthday to Maelyn Matilde C. Naputi, left, who are both celebrating their special day today! Greetings come with love from the family.



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Happy birthday to Elizabeth Aquino, shown here at right. Enjoy your special day and remember that you are not getting older, you are getting wiser! From your loving daughter, family and friends!

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Happy birthday to *niño* Randall Pangelinan! May you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your godson Sage Santos.



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# Business

## In a nod to IBM, HP overhaul minimizes consumers

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Hewlett-Packard Co. is surrendering in smartphones and tablet computers and has put its personal computer division up for sale, as new CEO Leo Apotheker tries to transform the Silicon Valley stalwart into a twin of East Coast archrival IBM Corp.

The restructuring announced Thursday contains an unmistakable message: HP has failed to cater to both consumers and corporations. As a result, it needs to exit most of its consumer businesses, just as IBM did six years ago.

The overhaul will have three parts:

- HP will stop making tablet computers and smartphones by October.

- It will try to spin off or sell its PC business, the world's largest. By the end of next year, HP computers could be sold under another company's name.

- The company plans to buy business software maker Autonomy Corp. for about \$10 billion in one of the biggest takeovers in HP's 72-year history.

HP, the largest technology company in the world by revenue, will continue to sell servers and other equipment to business customers, just as IBM now does. Those businesses currently don't generate as much revenue for HP as PCs, but they have higher profit margins.

Apotheker would not say whether any jobs will be cut. HP plans to take a charge of about \$1 billion for restructuring and related costs, some of which could go for severance payments. HP employs more than 300,000 people worldwide.

The changes are motivated by a shift toward an IBM-style business model, which is focused on selling to corporations and governments.

But the influence of Steve Jobs and Apple Inc. shouldn't be underestimated. Apple is the hottest consumer electronics company on the planet with its highly popular iPhones and iPads.

"Apple singlehandedly knocked HP out of the PC, smartphone and tablet business," Gleacher & Co. analyst Brian Marshall said in an interview.

Rather than remain locked in a futile fight with a company that seems to have found the magic touch on making hit consumer products, HP decided to whittle its competition to the other business technology specialists—namely, IBM, Oracle Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc., Marshall said.

The focus makes sense considering that Apotheker spent most of his career at German business software maker SAP AG, another company that catered to the technology needs

of companies and government agencies.

"This is his bread and butter," Marshall said. "Now he has to deliver."

Investors appeared under-

whelmed and sent HP's stock down \$1.88, or 6 percent, to \$29.51 during the regular trad-

ing session Thursday, after news of the changes leaked and HP disclosed them along with a quarterly forecast that was lower than expected. After the market closed, the stock fell another 10 percent to \$26.61. It was a day the broader market declined, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index falling 4.5 percent.

Apotheker is seeking radical changes to help erase the stain of scandal and leave his imprint on a massive company he inherited last year. His predecessor, Mark Hurd, resigned under pressure a year ago, after an investigation found expense reports that were allegedly falsified to conceal a relationship with an HP marketing contractor.

In trying to ditch most of HP's consumer businesses, Apotheker is reversing a decade-long binge on computer hardware.

The area where HP has been most visibly lacking is mobile devices.



In this Feb. 2, 2010 file photo, the Palm Pre Plus, left, and the Palm Pixi Plus are shown in San Francisco. AP

## Economists see growing risk of global recession

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Discouraging economic data from around the globe have heightened fears that another recession is on the way.

Fresh evidence emerged Thursday that U.S. home sales and manufacturing are weakening. Signs also surfaced that European banks are increasingly burdened by the region's debt crisis and sputtering economy.

The rising anxiety ignited a huge sell-off in stocks that led many investors to seek the safety of U.S. Treasuries.

Economists say the economic weakness and the stock markets' wild swings have begun to feed on themselves. Persistent drops in stock prices erode consumer and business confidence. Individuals and companies typically then spend and invest less. And

when they do, stock prices tend to fall further.

"A negative feedback loop ... now appears to be in the making" in both the United States and Europe, Joachim Fels and Manoj Pradhan, economists at Morgan Stanley, said in a report Thursday. Both economies are "dangerously close to a recession. ... It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance."

The risk of a recession is now about one in three, according to Morgan Stanley and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Among the worrisome economic signs:

- A survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia shows that manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic region contracted in August by the most in more than two years. The steep drop,

on top of a smaller decline in a New York Fed survey this week, means U.S. manufacturing probably contracted in August, economists said.

It would be the first decline since July 2009—a worrisome sign because manufacturing has been a key source of U.S. growth in the two years since economists say the Great Recession ended.

- U.S. home sales fell in July for the third time in four months, the National Association of Realtors said. Sales dropped 3.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.67 million homes. That's far below the 6 million homes that economists say must be sold to sustain a healthy housing market.

Sales are lagging behind last year's pace—the weakest since

1997. "There seems to be a correlation between the stock market and home prices," said Andrew Davidson, a New York-based mortgage industry consultant.

■ In Asia, Japan's exports fell for a fifth straight month. The world's No. 3 economy has fallen into a recession since its earthquake and tsunami in March. Its weakness is contributing to the global slowdown.

- Consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in July, mostly due to more expensive gas and food. The "core" price index, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 0.2 percent. The higher prices add to the burdens for Americans already squeezed by stagnant pay, though economists don't expect prices to rise much further. And gasoline has fallen this month.

## Oil near \$81 as traders eye slowing global economy

**SINGAPORE (AP)**—Oil prices fell to near \$81 a barrel Friday in Asia, extending a sell-off fueled by investor fears that a slowing global economy will undermine crude demand.

Benchmark oil for September delivery fell \$1.11 to \$81.27 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude fell \$5.20, or 5.9 percent, to finish at \$82.38 on Thursday.

In London, Brent crude for October delivery was down 71

cents to \$106.28 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Commodities such as oil fell Thursday as signs of weakening U.S. economic growth raised worries that the country could be headed for a recession. A report on Philadelphia-area manufacturing dropped to its the lowest in two years while home sales tumbled 3.5 percent in July.

Concerns that European banks may face funding difficulties amid the EU's debt crisis also weighed on investor senti-

ment. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 3.7 percent Thursday and most Asian stock markets fell Friday.

"The world economy has clearly stalled and it is hard to see any meaningful recovery in demand unless commodity prices, and especially oil, continue to weaken," Capital Economics said in a report. "The fragility of the world economy means there is high chance that fresh financial shocks will trigger more falls in commodity markets."

Capital Economics said it expects Brent to fall to \$85 during 2012.

Other analysts are more optimistic, pointing to recent signs of strong U.S. crude demand.

"The recent U.S. oil demand numbers do not support the view that the economy has fallen back into recession," Goldman Sachs said in a report. "We expect supply-demand balances to continue to move to critically tight levels in 2012, with prices above recent levels by next year."

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### European bank stocks hurt by borrowing crunch

**PARIS (AP)**—European bank stocks tanked Thursday as fears mounted about their exposure to the region's debt crisis and weakening economy. The stock prices of Britain's Barclays and France's Societe Generale led the way down, falling 11.5 percent and 12 percent, respectively. Germany's Commerzbank fell 10 percent. Analysts said the plunge was partly a reaction to evidence that European banks are being forced to pay more for the short-term loans they need to finance day-to-day operations. Some European banks with heavy exposure to the debts of Greece and other weak countries are relying on loans from the European Central Bank because other private banks are reluctant to do business with them. The ECB said one bank, which it didn't identi-

fy, had paid above-market rates to borrow \$500 million a day for seven days.

#### Striking Verizon workers protest at CEO's NJ home

**MENDHAM, N.J. (AP)**—Hundreds of striking Verizon workers held a candlelight vigil outside their CEO's mansion Thursday, hoping to draw a stark contrast between the contract demands of blue-collar workers and the quality of life enjoyed by the company's executives. Wearing red shirts, singing union songs and chanting "What's disgusting? Union busting," union members lit candles outside Lowell McAdam's home as the sun set on Mendham. "It makes me sick that Americans have to come out and do this," said Joe Mastrogianni, a 29-year-old cable repairman from Piscataway. "We're not asking for more; we're asking to keep what we have."



### LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
10,990.58	1,140.65	2,380.43
-419.63	0.00	-131.05
-3.68%	0.00%	-5.22%

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	0.9673	Indian Rupee	45.7475	Singapore Dollar	1.2133
	British Pound	0.6074	Indonesian Rupiah	8560.75	South Korean Won	1085.75
	Canadian Dollar	0.9916	Japanese Yen	76.5445	Swiss Franc	0.7949
	Chinese Yuan	6.396	Malaysian Ringgit	2.9898	Taiwan Dollar	29.0133
	Euro	0.6997	New Zealand Dollar	1.2187	Thailand Baht	29.88



## Nation

## Huge fish spurs call to 're-reverse' the Chicago River

**CHICAGO (AP)**—The city was in a predicament. By the late 1800s, the slow-moving Chicago River had become a cesspool of sewage and factory pollution oozing into Lake Michigan, the source of drinking water for the bustling metropolis.

The waterway had grown so putrid that it raised fears of a disease outbreak and concerns about hurting development. So in a first-of-its-kind feat, engineers reversed the river by digging a series of canals that not only carried the stinking mess away from the lake, but also created the only shipping route between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Now a modern threat—a voracious fish that biologists are desperate to keep out of Lake Michigan—has spurred serious talk of undertaking another engineering feat almost as bold as the original: reversing the river again to restore its flow into the lake.

The Army Corps of Engineers is studying ways to stop invasive species from moving between two of the nation's largest watersheds, including a proposal to block the canals and undo the engineering marvel that helped define Chicago.

After the first reversal, the city at the edge of the prairie blossomed and today is known for stunning skyscrapers, a sparkling lakefront and a river dyed green every St. Patrick's Day in the heart of Chicago's downtown Loop.



In this undated photo provided by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago work takes place on the building of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

The idea to reverse the river again got little traction when environmentalists suggested it a few years ago. But that was before Asian carp swam to within 25 miles of Lake Michigan, where they are being held at bay with electric barriers that deliver a nonlethal jolt. And it was before a study that showed dozens of other species were poised to move between the basins.

Adding to the urgency is the

discovery last month of more carp DNA, though no actual carp, in waterways just six miles from Chicago, which could indicate that some slipped through the barriers. One live carp was found past the barrier last summer, but officials weren't sure how it got there.

The fish are rapacious eaters that can grow to 4 feet and 100 pounds, and they have been migrating up the Mississippi and its

tributaries for decades. Scientists say they could decimate the Great Lakes' \$7 billion-a-year fishing industry and unravel the food web by starving out native species.

But carp are not the only threat. A corps report issued this summer identified eight other species that could enter the lakes.

What's more, the agency concluded, the lake isn't the only body of water in danger. The risk to the Mississippi basin is

even greater because the canals offer a potential highway for about 30 species to invade the river and its tributaries from the Great Lakes.

"That was one of those 'Aha!' moments," said David Wethington, who's managing the corps study. "You hear a lot about Asian carp and the potential devastation (to the Great Lakes), but what if things go the other way?"

The idea of separating the two watersheds, which have no natural links, has gained support from powerful lawmakers, surrounding states and scientists who believe it's the only way to avoid irreversible ecological and economic harm.

"If we don't, a century from now, our children and grandchildren will have lakes full of invasive species ... and we will be sacrificing two of the greatest freshwater ecosystems of the United States to invasion and lost economic opportunity," said Joel Brammeier, president of the environmental advocacy group Alliance for the Great Lakes.

But the corps isn't ready to say whether reversing the Chicago River again is the solution. Its recommendation may have to wait another four years.

To reverse the river, engineers would barricade the canals that have been used for more than a century to send the river flowing to the west. With those channels closed, the river would resume its previous course toward Lake

Michigan because the river would again be higher than the lake.

And that might be the easiest part.

Industries that use the waterways to move everything from grain and road salt to coal and chemicals oppose the idea. They complain they stand to lose billions a year if they have to rely on more expensive trains and trucks.

"I don't want the Asian carp in the Great Lakes any more than anyone else does, but (separating the watersheds) destroys the economics of moving by barge," said Mark Biel, executive director of the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois and chairman of Unlock Our Jobs, an industry coalition that opposes the idea.

Perhaps a bigger obstacle is Chicago's sewer system, which collects rainfall in a big part of the metro area and then discharges it toward the Mississippi. Despite billions spent on an extensive underground tunnel network, the system still cannot contain enough storm water and sewage during heavy rainstorms, forcing authorities to open shipping locks and dump the runoff into Lake Michigan to spare basements.

Reversing the river would push even more water toward downtown and the lake, possibly requiring the city to spend billions more than planned on reservoirs and pipes to hold back the flow and prevent massive flooding.

## Va. executes man who raped, killed elderly widow

**JARRATT, Va. (AP)**—A Virginia man who raped and suffocated an 88-year-old widow has become the state's first inmate executed using a revised, three-drug cocktail.

Jerry Terrell Jackson, 30, was pronounced dead at 9:14 p.m. Thursday at Greensville Correctional Center. Jackson was sentenced to death for the 2001 rape and murder of seamstress Ruth Phillips in her Williamsburg apartment.

Asked if he had any final words, Jackson shook his head and said "no" under his breath. As he waited for the drugs to be administered, he tapped his foot as he lay strapped to a stainless steel gurney. The execution

team took about 15 minutes to insert two intravenous lines, one into each arm. Within four minutes of the lines being inserted, he was pronounced dead.

Like other states, Virginia recently replaced sodium thiopental with pentobarbital after a nationwide shortage of the sedative, which is administered before two other drugs that stop the inmate's breathing and heart. Attorneys in some states have contested the use of pentobarbital, but federal courts have ruled the change is not significant enough to stop executions.

Pentobarbital has been used in two dozen executions this year, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Richard Phillips, who found his mother dead on Aug. 26, 2001, said the execution was long overdue. Neither Phillips nor other members of Phillips' family witnessed the execution.

Ruth Phillips, a widow for 30 years, followed her son to Virginia from New Hampshire in the late 1990s. She worked as a seamstress making slip covers and draperies up until her death. Richard Phillips said he had wanted her to move close to him so that she would be safe.

Authorities say Jackson broke into her apartment. When she awoke and found him rummaging through her purse, she offered him anything if he would leave. In-

stead, he put a pillow over her face and raped her, according to authorities. They said Jackson then fled in her car and used the \$60 he stole from her apartment to buy marijuana.

"I'm sorry Mrs. Phillips lost her life due to something that I done," Jackson had said recently. "I'm sorry to Mr. Phillips that he hurt so much. I'm sorry that he lost his mother."

Jackson nearly got a reprieve last year when U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema allowed a two-day evidentiary hearing in which Jackson's brother and sister testified about the abuse he suffered at the hands of his father and stepfather while growing up.

## Sacrifices needed from governors to avert floods

**LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)**—Months of historic flooding have governors along the Missouri River ready to join forces, but experts warn that real change will require unpopular sacrifices and a new approach to controlling the nation's longest river.

Releasing water from reservoirs earlier and allowing the river to expand naturally would solve many of the problems, but there's a tradeoff: Doing

so could push fishermen out of Montana's prized streams earlier, force farmers from the Dakotas to Missouri to give up land for floodplains, and limit barges hauling grain and other goods.

Governors from most of the eight river states will meet Friday in Omaha, Neb., to discuss options for keeping the river in its banks. Brigadier Gen. John R. McMahon, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

northwest district, also will attend, but agency spokeswoman Sarah Rivette cautioned against demanding sweeping changes based on one flood season.

The Missouri, which travels 2,341 miles, has been overflowing for months because of heavy Rocky Mountain snowpack and a rainy spring. Flooding has forced residents from their homes, submerged thousands of acres of farmland, and rerouted motorists

and trains. Cities, including Omaha, have spent millions of dollars to protect airports, water treatment plants and other facilities.

"This is a 1,700-mile flood—extraordinary—and we're all frustrated with it, and so our focus tomorrow is going to be to get a united front as Missouri River basin governors on the operation of the Missouri River reservoir system," Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback said Thursday.

## ACROSS THE NATION

## Dust storm envelops Phoenix, downs power lines

**PHOENIX (AP)**—A giant wall of dust rolled through the Phoenix area on Thursday for the third time since early July—turning the sky brown, creating dangerous driving conditions and delaying some airline flights. The dust storm, also known as a haboob in Arabic and around Arizona, swept through Pinal County and headed northeast, reaching Phoenix at about 6 p.m. Some incoming and departing flights at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport were temporarily delayed because of the storm, according to airport officials who couldn't immediately provide exact numbers. Take-offs and landing began again at about 6:50 p.m.

## Boy, 11, 2 teens admit roles in Philly mob attacks

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—An 11-year-old and two teenagers have acknowledged their roles in attacking and robbing several pedestrians in downtown Philadelphia. The trio admitted to allegations including robbery, conspiracy, rioting and assault in connection with the July 29 mob attacks. The admissions made Thursday in Family Court are the equivalent of guilty pleas. Judge Kevin Dougherty characterized the trio's actions as "hunting humans for sport."

## Judge apologizes to inmate seeking sex-change

**BOSTON (AP)**—A federal judge on Thursday apologized to a transgender inmate who has waited years for a ruling on whether she can get a taxpayer-funded sex-change operation. Michelle Kosilek, a convicted murderer, first sued the Massachusetts Department of Correction 11 years ago. Two years later, U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled that Kosilek was entitled to treatment for gender-identity disorder, but stopped short of ordering surgery to complete Kosilek's transformation into a woman. Kosilek sued again in 2005, arguing that the female hormones she was receiving were not enough to relieve her anxiety and depression. Kosilek argued that the surgery was a medical necessity and that the Department of Correction was violating her constitutional rights by refusing to provide the operation.



# Asia

## US envoy: Tokyo didn't take charge when the crisis hit

**TOKYO (AP)**—Early in the Fukushima nuclear crisis, U.S. officials felt that nobody in Japan's government was taking charge, and Washington considered evacuating American troops in a worst-case scenario, a retired U.S. envoy said Thursday.

When the March 11 earthquake and tsunami set off the crisis by crippling the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant and sending it toward meltdown, Prime Minister Naoto Kan's administration initially acted as if it was the plant operator's problem, not

the government's, former diplomat Kevin Maher said.

"There was nobody in charge. Nobody in the Japanese political system was willing to say 'I'm going to take responsibility and make decisions,'" said Maher, who coordinated U.S. offers to help Tokyo deal with the crisis.

"Nothing was taking place at Fukushima Dai-ichi in terms of the government solving the problem" until about a week later when Tokyo and Washington launched a joint task force, he told a news conference.

The Japanese Prime Minister's Office said it had no immediate reaction to Maher's remarks.

Maher, a former director of the U.S. State Department's Japan office, had been dismissed for allegedly making insulting remarks about Okinawan people in an off-the-record talk with university students in December. But he was called back for duty on the task force when the crisis struck, and his retirement was postponed until April.

Maher coordinated more than

100 American nuclear, defense and other officials dispatched by Washington to work with the Japanese government as the reactors rapidly deteriorated.

Japan initially was not forthcoming with details of the crisis, while independent U.S. information indicated at least two of the plant's six reactor cores were melting down, he said.

"We were very worried about what was going to happen to Japan," he said, adding that U.S. officials drafted a plan to evacuate some of the nearly 50,000 Japan-based American service people in a worst-case scenario involving plumes of radiation.

They also considered evacuating nearly 100,000 American civilians in Tokyo, but eventually recommended only a 50-mile (80-kilometer) evacuation zone.

"The worst-case scenario was, 'Would you have to move U.S. forces out of Japan if there were threat of radiation?'" he said.

"Fortunately that did not happen," he said, because such a pullout could have caused a "tremendous negative impact" on the U.S.-Japan security relationship.

It took Japan about two months to acknowledge that the cores of three reactors at Fukushima had melted in the first

few days of the crisis.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Wednesday that the reactors are still leaking small amount of radiation—about one 10-millionth of the amount released after several explosions in mid-March that eventually forced about 100,000 people to evacuate their homes. TEP- CO and the government say they plan to bring the reactors to a stable shutdown state by early January.

Maher said he sympathized with Japanese evacuees and expressed optimism that their communities could be cleaned up and restored.

## Corruption-weary Indians support activist's fast

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—Pradeep Bhatia cannot remember how many times he has paid bribes to government officials. From having an electricity meter installed to getting past traffic police officers on a busy day, he knows that in India, everything has a price.

The 50-year-old mechanic was so fed up with graft that he took a two-hour bus ride to New Delhi on Thursday to join hundreds of others outside a jail where an anti-corruption crusader was on a hunger strike to pressure the government to strengthen reform legislation.

Anna Hazare's protest has struck a chord with a wide swath of the middle class in a nation where corruption has become so entrenched that there is an informal price list for the bribes required for most routine government services.

Getting land registered can cost 5,000 extra rupees (\$110). A passport costs 500 rupees (\$11). A driving license for someone who has never even taken driving lessons can be bought for an extra 1,500 rupees (\$33). Traffic police will let you off for 50 to 100 rupees (\$1 to \$2). Even nursery school administrators demand under-the-table payments to secure a place for incoming children.

"From the servant to the prime minister, every government official is now corrupt," Bhatia

said as he handed out plastic containers of drinking water to hundreds of flag-waving supporters outside the prison where the 73-year-old Hazare has been since Tuesday.

Police initially gave Hazare permission to hold a public hunger strike for only three days. He rejected the conditions, was briefly arrested and then refused to leave the jail when he was released unless he could hold his protest.

He was eventually granted permission for a 15-day public demonstration to begin Friday.

In a country of 1.2 billion where hundreds of millions of people live on less than \$2 a day, the support for Hazare so far appears to be led entirely by urban, middle-class Indians.

Outside the prison there were school teachers and students, accountants and office workers, bus drivers and mechanics. They sang patriotic songs and clanged steel plates and spoons, waved the Indian flag, and wore caps emblazoned with the words "I am Anna."

The poor, who are often the hardest-hit by the dishonest bureaucracy, were nowhere to be found.

"Poor people have been so ignored by government that they're not educated. They have no idea what their rights are," said Parikshit Verma, a young

office worker who took the day off to bring his wife and 18-month-old son to the jail to show support for Hazare.

"He is doing so much for this country. He is trying to clean up the political system for us. The least we can do for our country is come and show our support for one day," he said.

Manju Bhatia, a 50-year-old teacher in a government school, said she could no longer tolerate the pervasive dishonesty.

"Corruption is now in everything you touch in this country. It's gone to the roots. Every honest person lives in fear because there's no room for us," she said.

Hazare's protest is the newest crisis to hit a beleaguered government that is battling a slew of corruption allegations—from the murky sale of cellphone licenses to the hosting of last year's Commonwealth Games.

The scandals have embarrassed the government and paralyzed Parliament, with lawmakers trading insults and accusations instead of addressing widespread malnutrition and a desperate need for land reform.

As the government has struggled to come up with a suitable strategy to win people's trust, Hazare's protest has prompted tens of thousands of middle-class people to rally in towns and cities across the country.

killing 81 children and sickening more than 32,000 nationwide so far this year. A government website said Friday that Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has called for stepped-up efforts to prevent and control the spread of the common childhood illness. It is raging hardest in the country's south, where nearly 80 percent of cases have been reported.

### Twin explosions rock British compound in Kabul

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Two suicide bombers attacked a British compound in the Afghan capital on Friday, killing at least three people, police said. An official from the British Embassy, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the incident, confirmed that there had been an attack against the British council building on the west side of Kabul. He said the British Embassy was in contact with Afghan authorities at the scene.



This satellite file image taken on March 14, 2011, and provided by DigitalGlobe shows the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear facility in Okuma, Fukushima prefecture, northeastern Japan.

## NKorea accepts US proposal to discuss war remains

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—North Korea on Friday accepted a U.S. proposal to discuss recovering the remains of American soldiers killed during the Korean War, another sign of easing tensions between Washington and Pyongyang.

The joint excavation project ended six years ago. Preparation for talks on starting the search again comes as the countries pursue tentative discussions on resuming stalled nuclear disarmament negotiations.

The United States and North Korea fought on opposite sides of the 1950-53 Korean War and have never signed a peace treaty. Ties have been particularly tense over North Korea's insistence on building a nuclear weapons program. North Korea has criticized military drills between Seoul and Washington that end next week as practice for an invasion.

Still, there have been recent bright spots in the relationship.

Last month, a senior North Korean diplomat visited New York to discuss ways to restart nuclear disarmament talks last held in December 2008. Earlier this month, The Associated

Press reported that U.S. officials also called for talks on resuming the excavation of soldiers' remains and were awaiting Pyongyang's reply.

A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman told the North's official Korean Central News Agency on Friday that Pyongyang had accepted the U.S. proposal. The spokesman said Washington and Pyongyang were preparing for talks, but there were few other details.

About 8,000 U.S. service members are listed as missing from the Korean War, including 5,500 in North Korea. Joint efforts to recover remains began in 1996, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. The work was suspended in 2005 after Washington said there wasn't enough security for its personnel.

The Korean peninsula remains in a technical state of war because the three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty. The U.S. keeps more than 28,000 troops in ally South Korea to protect against aggression, a presence North Korea cites for its need to build nuclear weapons.

Tensions rose in 2009 with the North's launch of a rocket

seen as preparation for a long-range missile capable of striking the U.S. A nuclear test by North Korea followed weeks later. In 2010, two attacks blamed on the North that killed 50 South Koreans brought inter-Korean relations to a low point.

The United States has said the retrieval of war remains should not be linked to the stalled disarmament talks.

North Korea says it is ready to resume the six-nation nuclear negotiations, which involve the two Koreas, the U.S., China, Russia and Japan. However, the U.S. and its allies want Pyongyang first to take concrete steps to show sincere intent, such as freezing its nuclear activities and allowing inspections.

Washington has also called for improved inter-Korean ties.

Last week, North Korea said it was considering a U.S. proposal to allow Korean Americans to be reunited with family in the North. And on Thursday, Washington said it would contribute up to \$900,000 in emergency relief supplies to three North Korean provinces struggling in the wake of heavy rains and flooding.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Death toll 52 as violence rages in Pakistani city

**KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)**—Police say four more bodies have been found in Pakistan's largest city, bringing the death toll in three days of suspected gang-related violence to 52. Many of the victims in Karachi were tortured, shot and stuffed in sacks dumped on streets. Police chief Saud Mirza says the new bodies were discovered Friday morning. Seventeen people were killed Wednesday, and 31 on Thursday. The gangs are allegedly affiliated with the city's main political parties and have been blamed for a surge in killings in recent months in Karachi, a city of some 18 million people.

#### Common childhood virus kills 81 Vietnamese kids

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—Vietnam's prime minister has put the country on alert as hand, foot and mouth disease continues to surge,



# World

## US and its allies declare that Syria's Assad must leave

WASHINGTON (AP)—Executing a global squeeze play, the United States and its European allies on Thursday demanded an end to four decades of brutal family dictatorship in Syria and underscored the tough talk with new sanctions on President Bashar Assad's government.

The unified stance isolates Assad further as he presses a military campaign against major demonstrations. But the diplomacy left many questions unanswered, including how the demand for Assad's ouster can be backed up in the absence of any appetite for military intervention, and who inside the Syrian government or among the country's fragmented opposition might take his place.

The messages from Washington, London, Paris, Berlin and Brussels coincided with a U.N. report recommending that Syria be referred to the International Criminal Court for investigation of possible crimes against humanity, including summary executions, torturing prisoners and targeting children in the crackdown on demonstrations.

Much of Syria was quiet Thursday, although activists reported intense shooting around noon in the flashpoint city of Latakia.

Rights groups say Assad's forces have killed nearly 2,000 people since mid-March. The military assault on civilians has escalated since Ramadan began, with security forces killing hundreds and detaining thousands.

Activists said security forces

### Situation in Syria

*At least 2,000 people have been killed and thousands are missing or detained since Syrian protesters called for an end to President Bashar Assad's regime.*



**March 15** Anti-government protests erupt in major cities

**March 23** Activists say around 100 people killed in the southern town of Deraa, the focus of the protests

**April 14** Assad unveils a new cabinet and orders the release of detainees arrested during a month of protests

**April 21** Assad issues decrees ending a state of emergency in force since 1963; in protests the next day more than 100 killed

**May 6** Thousands of Syrians rally on a "Day of Defiance"

**May 28** Pro-democracy activists call for fresh protests after alleged torture and killing of a 13-year-old boy by security forces in Deraa

**June 12** Armed forces take control of Jisr al-Shughour; thousands flee to Turkey

**June 29** U.S. Treasury Department imposes sanctions against security forces for human rights abuses

**July 1** Security forces kill at least 28 people as more than half a million people protest in Hama; Assad sacks the governor of Hama the next day

**July 10** Main opposition groups boycott talks with government and say they will not negotiate until the violent crackdowns stop and the thousands of prisoners are released

**July 15** Syrian forces kill at least 32 civilians, 23 in Damascus, at first big demonstrations in main districts of the capital

**July 31** Syrian tanks storm Hama; at least 80 people are killed

**Aug. 18** U.S. President Barack Obama calls on Assad to step down; other countries expected to make similar statements in coordinated show of international opposition to regime

Source: The Telegraph, Reuters

Graphic: Melina Yingling

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killed 18 people across the country on Wednesday, the same day Assad assured U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-

moon that military and police operations had stopped.

In Thursday's coordinated statements, President Barack

Obama and the leaders of Britain, France, Germany, Canada and the European Union called for Assad to resign, saying his

## UN sees possible crimes against humanity in Syria

GENEVA (AP)—Government forces in Syria may have committed crimes against humanity by conducting summary executions, torturing prisoners and targeting children in their crackdown against opposition protesters, a high-level U.N. human rights team said Thursday.

Their report recommends that the U.N. Security Council refer Syria to the International Criminal Court for prosecution of alleged atrocities, a move that is likely to be discussed by the council at a closed-door session in New York later Thursday.

"The mission found a pattern of human rights violations

that constitutes widespread or systematic attacks against the civilian population, which may amount to crimes against humanity," the U.N. investigators said in their 22-page report.

Crimes against humanity are considered the most serious of all international human rights violations after genocide.

But the U.N. human rights chief, Navi Pillay, told reporters Thursday after briefing the Security Council in New York that she didn't expect a referral to the international court.

She said there was no reaction from the Security Council "so I do not hold out much

hope" for a referral.

The report's findings comes as President Barack Obama and a slate of European leaders called on Syria's President Bashar Assad to step down, saying his brutal suppression of his people had made him unfit to lead.

Among the specific atrocities mentioned in the report are the alleged execution of 26 blindfolded men at a football stadium in the southern city of Daraa on May 1; indiscriminate firing of live ammunition at peaceful demonstrators using snipers and helicopters, resulting in the death of hundreds of people in-

cluding women and children; and the killing of injured protesters in hospitals—including by locking people in morgue refrigerators alive.

"Children have not only been targeted by security forces, but they have been repeatedly subject to the same human rights and criminal violations as adults, including torture," the report found. It cited the case of 13-year-old Hamza al-Khatib from the southern village of Jiza, whose mutilated body, with his penis severed, was delivered to his family weeks after he disappeared April 29.

repression of demonstrations inspired by this spring's Arab uprisings made him unfit to lead. The new effort signals the end of the world's thin patience for Assad, once viewed as a Western-looking pragmatist who might expand freedoms at home and help achieve an Arab peace deal with Israel.

The resignation calls were the first explicit demands from the U.S. and its allies for Assad to step down, although condemnation of his actions had been growing for weeks.

Syria presented a different case than other Muslim nations swept by unrest this year. The United States used leverage from its billions of dollars in military aid to gradually ratchet up pressure on Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak to step down, and called early on for the ouster of Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi.

But Washington has very little direct influence on Syria, long a pariah state accused of sponsoring terrorism. Syria does have wider trade and other ties with Europe and the Arab world, which complicated the U.S. position, and with neighbor Iran. Iran remains one of the Assad regime's few allies, although those bonds are not deep.

In a statement released by the White House, Obama said Assad had lost all credibility as a leader and had to go.

"His calls for dialogue and reform have rung hollow while he is imprisoning, torturing and slaughtering his own people," Obama said. "We have consistently said that President Assad must lead a democratic transition or get out of the way. He has not led. For the sake of the Syrian people, the time has come for President Assad to step aside."

## Rockets and airstrikes follow attack on Israel

JERUSALEM (AP)—Gaza militants launched barrages of rockets into Israel early Friday and Israeli aircraft struck targets in the Palestinian territory in the aftermath of the deadliest attack against Israelis in three years.

On Thursday, gunmen who appear to have originated in Gaza and who crossed into southern Israel through the Egyptian desert ambushed civilian vehicles traveling on a remote road in southern Israel, killing eight people. Six were civilians, and two were members of Israeli security forces responding to the incursion.

The attack signaled a new danger for Israel from its border with the Sinai Peninsula, long quiet under the rule of Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak. Mubarak was deposed in February and the desert of the Sinai Peninsula—always restive and largely controlled by Bedouin tribes—has become increasingly lawless.

Israel responded hours after the attack with an airstrike that killed five members of the Palestinian group that Israel said was behind it, an organization known as the Popular Resis-

tance Committees. The dead included the group's leader.

A spokesman for the group, Abu Mujahid, would not confirm or deny responsibility for the attack inside Israel, but said militants would avenge the killing of the men.

Militants in Gaza launched at least 10 rockets into Israel on Friday, the military said. One, aimed at the city of Ashkelon, was intercepted by the new Israeli anti-missile system known as Iron Dome. Another hit the port city of Ashdod and wounded six Israelis, according to Israeli emergency services.

Israel's south has been equipped with early warning systems and bomb shelters over years of rocket fire from Gaza, and those measures have served to keep casualties low.

Hamas denied any connection with the attacks, but hurriedly evacuated all of its security facilities Thursday in anticipation of more Israeli retaliation. Those strikes continued through the night, targeting what the military said were smuggling tunnels and sites used by gunmen.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Source: Aruba suspect sought insurance payout

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Investigators have been told that just two days after an American tourist was reported missing in Aruba, her travel companion tried to collect on a \$1.5 million accidental-death insurance policy he took out on her, The

Associated Press has learned. A person who provided information to authorities told the AP that Gary V. Giordano, now detained on the Caribbean island, bought the insurance specifically for his five-day getaway with Robyn Gardner. The person did not have authorization to publicly release the information and

agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity.

#### Ivory Coast's ex-president charged with theft

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)—An official says Ivory Coast's former strongman has been charged with economic crimes including aggravated theft and embezzlement of

public funds. Public prosecutor Simplicie Kouadio Koffi said former leader Laurent Gbagbo is being held in the northern town of Korhogo. These are the first charges since Gbagbo's April arrest by forces loyal to President Alassane Ouattara. Gbagbo's refusal to concede defeat in November plunged the nation into postelection

violence that killed thousands.

#### Shark bites US tourist in Puerto Rico bay

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—A shark estimated at 6 feet (1.8 meters) long bit a U.S. tourist earlier this week while she swam in a popular bioluminescent bay at night, doctors said Thursday. The

woman, identified as 27-year-old Lydia Strunk, faces several months of physical therapy and will remain hospitalized until the weekend, Dr. Ernesto Torres said. The victim is a law student at the University of San Diego in California and is from Wendell, Idaho, said her mother, Patty Strunk, who arrived in Puerto Rico on Thursday.



# Young Style

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
AP SPORTS WRITER

**SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.** (AP)—The box score that shows Danny Almonte pitched a perfect game at the Little League World Series is tucked in a binder atop a metal filing cabinet.

Otherwise, that game in 2001 never officially happened—at least not after Almonte was proven to be 14, too old to play Little League ball.

A decade later, the repercussions of that big-league-level scandal still resonate through Little League, where birth certificates might now be tracked as closely as balls and strikes.

As for the youngsters at the time, Almonte lives in New York, playing in an adult league and working at a restaurant, his former high school coach there said. And the group of then-pre-teens from central Pennsylvania he helped beat have moved on to get college degrees and start careers.

The 65th annual World Series begins Thursday here at Lamade Stadium, painted dark green with a steep grassy hill above the outfield, a picturesque venue for a tournament in which organizers preach sportsmanship and fair play. But with ESPN cameras capturing every pint-sized player's every move, a standout performance can turn a participant into a Little League celebrity.

So it was with Almonte, who helped carry his team from New York City to the World Series in 2001. The hard-throwing lefty with a 70-mph slider tossed a perfect game and struck out 16 in a 5-0 shutout of Apopka, Fla. He then pitched a one-hit shutout, clocking pitches at 77 mph, before his team was eliminated in a rematch against Florida in the U.S. championship game.

But the drama was only beginning. Days later, Little League said Almonte was under investigation after officials were shown a document by a Sports Illustrated writer indicating Almonte was born in 1987 in the Dominican Republic, which would have

## Little League, Almonte feel impact of age saga



In this Aug. 18, 2001 file photo Bronx, N.Y., pitcher Danny Almonte throws a pitch during their game against Apopka, Fla., at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa.

made him 14. His team had a document that showed Almonte was 12, or born two years later, in the same country. At the time, Little League rules prohibited any player born before Aug. 1, 1988, from competing.

The investigation drew international attention, and even President George W. Bush's administration intervened to ask the Dominican government to investigate. Records experts determined the birth certificate saying he was 12

was falsified and Almonte was actually 14. His team's founder, Rolando Paulino, and Almonte's father were banned from Little League for life. Little League disqualified the team and Almonte.

"I hope he's doing OK. I really do. I always felt he was as much victimized as anybody," Little League president Stephen Keener said in his office overlooking the field where Almonte tossed his perfect game.

"He's the one that's going to have to deal with, 'Oh, you're Danny Almonte.' It's a bit unfair to him, too."

Paulino's league is affiliated with Cal Ripken baseball, another youth sports organization, its website shows. Messages left for league officials were not returned. Efforts to reach Almonte through Turo were unsuccessful, and a phone number for him could not immediately be found.

Almonte, now 24, went on to become a star pitcher at James Monroe High School in the Bronx, a powerhouse program in New York. Monroe coach Mike Turo called Almonte one of the five best players he's coached in three-plus decades.

"Work ethic was always great. When he was on the mound, I knew we were going to win," Turo said.

Almonte disappointed in his only professional stint, with an 0-1 record, 5.28 ERA, 19 walks and 17 strikeouts in six starts for the Southern Illinois Miners in the independent Frontier League in 2007. He was an All-American in 2009 at Western Oklahoma State College but didn't get drafted.

He made news off the field, too. As a senior in high school in 2005, he married 30-year-old Rosy Perdomo. The two have separated, the New York Post reported last year.

Turo suspects the non-baseball headlines may have turned off major league scouts.

"He had a lot of talent," Turo said.

"He was one of the smartest players I ever coached. ... He really didn't get a shot."

Almonte was a volunteer assistant for Turo last year and also helped Turo coach the Long Island Tigers, a sandlot team in New York. Almonte lives and works in New York and plays in a competitive adult league, according to Turo, who said going undrafted was a "big disappointment" for Almonte.

"He was very depressed and I think his arm bothered him after that," Turo said. "Now I know he throws a little bit, but he basically does it for fun."

As a result of the scandal, Little League instituted stricter guidelines to check players' ages, Keener said.

Before 2002, teams only had to have a single document to prove a player's age. Now, teams must have a copy of birth certificates, plus three proofs of residence. Local league officials must sign an affidavit saying they have seen the copy of the birth certificate or similar document. And documents are checked again if teams advance in the tournament.

Keener calls the Almonte scandal a milestone for Little League because it helped strengthen its eligibility verification.

"We're a better program today because of it," he said.

Brook Hart, a pitcher for a rookie league team in the Colorado Rockies organization, was a top player for the team from State College, Pa., that lost a regional tournament to Almonte's squad and, with it, a spot in the World Series.

"It was one of the most fun summers of my life, and a pretty disappointing ending ... especially since most of the kids on the team had a pretty good idea that he was over age," Hart said.

But the sting dissipated over time for Hart and his teammates, who don't blame Almonte.

"It was all coming from the top. It didn't just come from him," said Andrew Kerr, another State College player in 2001. He graduated from Princeton and is headed to New York to work in construction and project management.

"He kind of became the focal point," Kerr said, "but there were a lot of other people behind the scenes that made it possible to be there."

## When raindrops fall, you can be indoors stringing clay beads for colorful bracelet

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI  
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Legend says that Rain Day in Waynesburg, Pa., began in 1874 when a local farmer said rain almost always fell on July 29, which was also his birthday.

Waynesburg is a small town of about 5,000 residents 60 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

The farmer mentioned the phenomenon at the local drugstore, which inspired the pharmacist to continue the farmer's practice of tracking the weather each year on that date.

Although details seem to vary with the telling, town locals seem to agree that in the 1920s, Byron Daly took over the record keeping.

Daly began betting (I imagine with out-of-towners who didn't

know the local tradition) that it would rain on that day. Usually, the wager was for a new hat.

Daly's son John, an attorney, was known for his soft-spoken manner and gentlemanly ways and always tipped his hat to the ladies. He took over the chores from his father and the tradition continues to this day.

A local journalist, John O'Hara, began sending stories about Rain Day to newspapers in the 1930s. Since then, such notables as Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Johnny Carson and Jay Leno have bet on the outcome of the Waynesburg weather—and always for a hat.

Records indicate that since 1874, it has rained 112 out of 136 years in the borough of Waynesburg.

The annual Waynesburg Rain



When raindrops fall, you can be indoors stringing clay beads for colorful bracelet.

Day Festival runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

If you can't make it to the festival this year but it rains in your neighborhood, learning how to make and string polymer clay

beads into a bracelet is the perfect indoor activity for you.

You will need help from an adult to bake the clay.

Supplies you will need:

- Polymer clay in several col-

ors.

- Fine wire, embroidery thread or elastic.

- Toothpick.

- Glass baking dish.

- Plastic beads (optional)

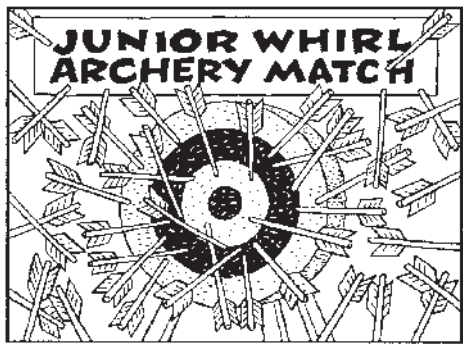
Using package directions, heat the oven to the proper temperature.

To make the two-color twisted beads, roll clay into strands and twist them together. Roll the strands around a toothpick, then carefully remove the toothpick.

To make round beads, work the clay into a ball, then decorate with smaller pieces of clay. You can then roll the small pieces into the large ball or leave the bead three-dimensional. Make holes in the beads with a toothpick. Make sure you make the hole large enough to slide your string through.

Bake the beads as directed. String your beads onto your wire or thread and tie off. If you would like, use plastic store-bought beads for spacers.





**JUNIOR WHIRL ARCHERY MATCH**  
**THE ARCHERY CLUB** needs more than one target. See if you can correctly count all of the arrows in our picture. You only get one shot.

Answer: We found 41. Did you pick up this many?

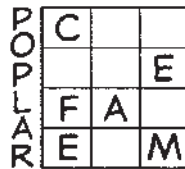


**DOODLE PICS!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both



Answers: 1. A bellhop. 2. Closed circuit TV.

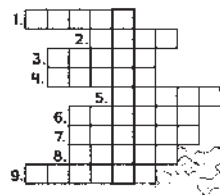
**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "POPLAR." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across) Cop, ape, far, elm, elm, Cafe, opal, perm.



by Charles Barry Townsend  
 A WET AND WILD RIVER QUIZ



See if you can come up with these waterways without using an atlas. In our puzzle grid, there is room for the names of nine famous rivers of the world. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name all of the rivers, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a famous North American river.

1. An old Italian river.
2. Cleopatra sailed on it.
3. Gold made it famous.
4. Made famous by boatmen's song.
5. A type of wine is named for it.
6. Home of terrifying fish.
7. Reputed to be blue at times.
8. Flows through Pakistan and India.
9. Overlooked by Big Ben.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 1. Tiber. 2. Nile. 3. Yukon. 4. Volga. 5. Rhine. 6. Amazon. 7. Danube. 8. Indus. 9. Thames. The river in the frame is the "Rio

## Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was the 37th president of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, who made the following sage—and somehow appropriate—observation: "Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too."

■ Pasta has been around since 5,000 B.C., and it was invented in China, not Italy.

■ If you're planning a visit to the United Kingdom, you might want to keep in mind this rather obscure statute: It's illegal to stand within 100 yards of the reigning monarch if you don't have socks on.

■ A groundhog can move 700 pounds of dirt in a single day.

■ When the two-and-one-half-hour finale of the groundbreaking television show "M\*A\*S\*H" aired on Feb. 28, 1983, advertisers paid a hefty \$450,000 for a single 30-second spot. That was \$50,000 more than the same spot cost at the Super Bowl that year.

■ We all know what a disaster is, but did you know where the word came from? The base of the word is "aster," which is Latin for "star." The word "disaster" originally meant "an unfavorable aspect of a star," reflecting the ancient notion that the motions of heavenly bodies affected terrestrial events.

■ Baseball players didn't have numbers on their uniforms until 1929, and it was the New York Yankees that were the first to adopt the practice.

■ In the early 18th century, newspapers were not cheap, but the stories published therein were often people's only link to the events of the day. Since they were so coveted, newspapers were often brought as a gift when a gentleman was calling on a lady friend, much as candy or flowers might be brought in a different era.

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Thought for the Day: "No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why."—Mignon McLaughlin

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## MAGIC MAZE • MAGIC —

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bullet	Lantern	Number	Square
Carpet	Marker	Potion	Trick
Eye	Mirror	School Bus	Wand
Kingdom	Mountain	Spell	

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

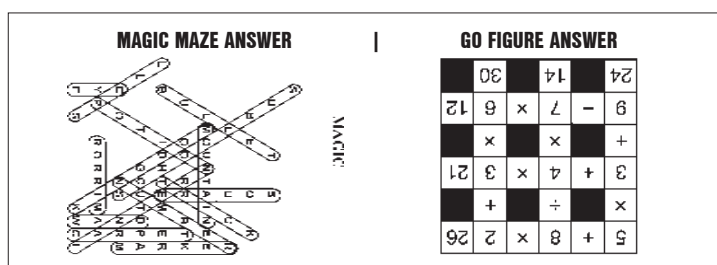
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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## Dog tormented by allergies

**Q:** My 7-year-old dog, "Cara," itches terribly and scratches all the time. She may have allergies, but I'm not certain. I've tried a number of treatments, including Benadryl, steroids, special shampoos and conditioners, sprays, pills, etc. I have her groomed regularly, and during the last trip had her fur shaved off because it tangles so badly when it's long. Nothing helps! Is there anything you could suggest? — A Reader, via e-mail

**A:** I'm sorry to hear how Cara is suffering. I'm sure you've taken her to the vet for a complete examination to rule out other underlying causes, but I do want to mention it for my other readers' sake.

Dogs can suffer from allergies to many of the same things we humans do. Allergens like dust and dander, as well as flea bites, can cause allergic symptoms. Certain foods also can cause allergic reactions including skin reactions, itching, diarrhea and vomiting.

You've tried several common medications to relieve allergy symptoms, without any improvement. It's time to consult the veterinarian again. Look



at Cara's diet, including snacks and "sneaked" food that you may have caught her trying to get at. Also note her home environment, where she spends most of her time, and the objects, carpeting and plants around her. Talk with the vet about any other possible causes of her allergies.

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## Memories take shape with homemade clay

**T**hink of all the experiences your kids have already stored up in their memory pool since summer vacation began. Talk about their recollections together, then put them into shape with this fabulous play clay made with baking soda, cornstarch and water. It's a snap to concoct and especially amazing to watch the magical transformations when the liquid mixture turns into a mashed potato-like consistency right before your eyes. Chemistry in the kitchen was never so much fun.

The pliable, smooth white play clay is a perfect medium for letting out the creativity of imaginative minds. Shape sculptures of the animals and birds your kids gawked at while at the zoo, a dolphin they met at an aquarium or the clown who taught them to juggle at a country fair.

Once they create sculptures or beads from the dough, let them harden overnight, and your kids will have another fun afternoon putting their strokes of color on their objects.

### Here's the simple stuff you'll need to make the dough:

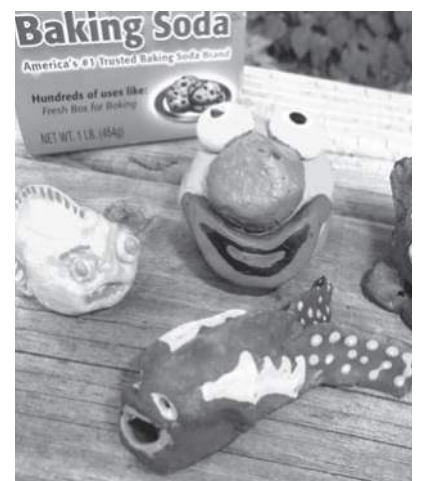
- 2 cups baking soda
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 1 1/4 cups water
- Saucepan
- Candy coloring (optional), available where cake decorations are sold; food coloring also works
- Acrylic paints and brushes (optional)

### Here's the fun:

1. Place the baking soda, cornstarch and water in the saucepan. An adult should stir the mixture over low heat for about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and continue stirring.

2. When the mixture takes on a mashed-potato consistency, it's ready for play. If you'd like, separate it into small batches and color each batch with a few drops of candy coloring.

**Donna's Day** Creative family fun  
 by Donna Erickson



If you leave the clay natural, you can let it dry for about 12 hours and paint it with acrylics.

### Tips:

- For sculptures, put a small lump of clay in the barrel of a garlic press and squeeze to make long hair to plop on a clown's head.
- For beads, roll small ball shapes in your hands and poke a hole through each one with a skewer. When hard, string on a bit of elastic through the holes.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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# Good Housekeeping

## Steak and Vegetable Grill

To boost the flavor of this dish, the steak is sprinkled with balsamic vinegar just before serving.

- 4 (10-inch) wooden skewers
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 (1 1/2-pound) beef flank steak
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 medium tomatoes, each cut in half
- 2 large (about 1 pound each) onions, each cut into 3/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 small (1-pound) eggplant, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- Sprig fresh rosemary, for garnish

1. Soak wooden skewers in water 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in cup, mix chopped rosemary, salt and pepper. Rub flank steak with 4 teaspoons herb mixture; set aside. Mix remaining herb mixture in cup with olive oil. Reserve for brushing on vegetables.

2. Thread onion slices onto

skewers. Place skewered onions on grill over medium heat; brush with some olive-oil mixture. Cook 25 to 30 minutes until tender and lightly browned, turning skewers occasionally. At same time, place tomato halves and eggplant slices on grill, brushing with remaining olive-oil mixture. Cook 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned, turning occasionally.

3. When tomatoes and eggplant are done, place on large platter; keep warm. Place steak on grill with onions and cook steak 15 to 20 minutes for medium-rare or until desired doneness.

4. Thinly slice steak; sprinkle with balsamic vinegar. Serve with grilled vegetables; garnish with rosemary sprigs if you like. Serves 6.

Each serving: About 390 calories, 21g total fat (5g saturated), 47mg cholesterol, 780mg sodium, 21g total carbohydrate, 0g dietary fiber, 30g protein.

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### THIS IS A HAMMER

## Patching wallpaper

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA  
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**Q: The previous owners of my home put up wallpaper in the kitchen and a few other rooms. It's several years old, and the wallpaper in the kitchen has a number of small rips and holes from wear and tear. Can I repair these? I don't want to replace the paper just yet, as we are planning a remodel down the road.—June C., Austin, Texas**

**A:** Wallpaper definitely has

become a less popular design option over the years, as it can be a difficult material to work with as well as repair. That means you might not be able to find a matching pattern in a home-improvement or paint/wall coverings store. If the previous homeowners were conscientious, you might be lucky enough to find the leftover scraps of that wallpaper stored in the garage, attic or other space. That's the best patching material for this job.

First, let's work from the presumption that you do have matching scraps. Select the first rip or hole and hold a scrap up to it to closely match the pattern in that spot; then measure and mark the scrap paper. Now, instead of cutting out the patch,

carefully tear it out. This creates ragged edges on the patch that will blend into the wallpaper better than a clean-cut edge. Paste the patch into place and smooth the feathered edges into the surrounding paper.

What if you don't have spare scraps lying around? You have two main options: Try and find the closest match at a store that sells wallpaper (or online), or just make spot repairs to the existing wallpaper until you begin your remodel. The best way to match is to bring in an actual sample, so cut a small piece from an obscure section of the wall. I'd also recommend taking a photo of the wallpaper—the color may not match, but you'll be able to review the overall pattern. Find matching

or almost-matching paper and patch as best you can.

Otherwise, spot repairs, such as re-gluing peeling seams and corners, are a short-term solution until you can take down all the wallpaper.

**HOME TIP:** Wallpaper that has been exposed to sunlight for long periods will fade or change color, something to consider when patching using stored-away leftover scraps.

Send your questions or home tips to [ask@thisisahammer.com](mailto:ask@thisisahammer.com), or write *This Is a Hammer*, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. When in doubt as to whether you can safely or effectively complete a project, consult a professional contractor.

### DOLLAR\$ AND SENSE

## Last-minute vacations

By DAVID UFFINGTON  
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If you didn't plan for a vacation this summer but are determined to get a break, it's still possible even at this late date. In fact, the approaching end of summer might work in your favor as owners try to fill last-minute vacancies.

Look for vacation rentals that are within a few hours drive of home. You'll save precious vacation time by not battling crowds and security at airports and wasting time in the air, not to mention saving money on airfare and transportation. Vacation rentals generally will accommodate your whole family and allow you to save money by cooking your own meals. Many provide laundry facilities.

While you might think you want a place with activities suited to your interests, consider taking this opportunity to try something new. If you're into golf, go for a lakeside cabin that comes with fishing poles and a canoe. If you like water skiing, opt for a condo in an historic city for a change of pace.

Go online to [www.vacation-homerentals.com](http://www.vacation-homerentals.com) and click on your state. You'll find rentals categorized by county and town, with lots of photos and descriptions. If a property sounds interesting, check the availability. For verification or to ask if there have been cancellations, contact

the owner using the online form. Ask if any end-of-season deals are available. Don't miss the Last Minute Deals link at the top of the main page.

Check [www.vacationrentals.com](http://www.vacationrentals.com), and again click on your state. You'll be able to narrow your choices by date, reviews and whether the rental has a pool or allows pets. You can select multiple rentals to compare. Check the activities on each listing for local attractions. This site provides the owner's name and telephone number, as well as an online contact form.

If you want a lot of amenities, consider a timeshare rental. With timeshares, owners "own" a certain week or weeks each year when they have use of the accommodations. They can't always use those weeks and will rent out the property. Timeshares generally have a full menu of amenities, and many are luxurious resorts. Search online for timeshares in your state. Call the timeshare office directly, as it's likely to have a list of rentals.

As always, ask whether any discounts are available.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to [columnreply@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF †BRIGIDO S. HERNANDEZ

Lovingly known as "Brigs"

January 19, 1936 - August 18, 2011

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** Arsenia D. Hernandez

**Children:** Nory D. Hernandez (Shani Pearl & McKnight [Kolby & Shayane], Otto Owen, Krystal Erin, Kayla Kirby, Tyler Matthew Sally H. & Perry J. Cacdac (Nigel Perry) Ramon D. & Julie A. Hernandez (John Ray, Jerol & TJ [Summer & AJ], Jilian Roby & Michael Jay Glenda H. & Ric R. Mendiola (Ashley Nicole, Rico Richard & Ryan) Cora D. Hernandez (Cameren Kyle)

**Brothers & Sisters:**

Ofring and Berto & Family (Philippines)  
Carlito and Family  
Rosie & Family (Philippines)  
Orlando and Ana & Family (Canada)  
Boy and Lydia & Family (Philippines)  
Jess and Zeny & Family  
Anita and Julio & Family (Philippines)  
Roger and Susan & Family  
Lily and Ver & Family (San Diego)  
Flor and Danny & Family

*He is additionally survived by his numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.*

*Mass of intention is being celebrated everyday at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am until August 26, 2011.*

*Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 26, 2011. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by interment service at Santuario Paz Memorial Gardens in Kagman, Saipan where he will be at a peaceful rest.*

*Please Join Us In Prayers*

*Sen D. Hernandez, Children and Families.*



# Life & Style

## Israeli singles look for new love in ancient cave

By DANIELLA CHESLOW  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—In an ancient stone quarry underneath Jerusalem's Old City, women tottered on stilettos down a dimly lit passage on their way to a very modern ritual: speed-dating.

Hoping the exotic setting would provide a conducive backdrop for romance, organizers brought about 60 Israeli singles to the subterranean quarry known as Zedekiah's Cave late Sunday for a unique speed-dating marathon to mark the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Av, the Jewish holiday of love.

"It's like Valentine's Day, but it's an Israeli holiday, so I think there's something in the air," said Shiran Avioz, 28, a sales manager. "You think, maybe this is the day."

For Avioz, the cave worked its magic: She exchanged phone numbers with a handsome bodyguard from Jerusalem.

Inside the 2-millennia-old quarry, which was the source of some of the limestone used to build the Old City, the singles took their spots at candlelit white tables. Every seven minutes, the men switched tables at the ringing of a bell.

"Our goal in the speed dating was for people to come and see Jerusalem and its ancient sites," said Hila Zisberg, one of the organizers. "We hope they fall in love with the city and with each other. And we hope they will come and build their homes in Jerusalem."

Her group, Youth for Jerusalem, seeks to connect young people with the capital's history. One third of Jerusalem's 790,000 residents are Palestinians, another third are Orthodox Jews, and the city struggles to attract and retain secu-



In this Aug. 14, 2011 photo, Israelis participate in a speed dating event on the eve of Tu Be'Av, the Jewish holiday of love, in Zedekiah's Cave, also known as Solomon's Quarries, under Jerusalem's Old City.

lar young Jewish Israelis against the pull of cosmopolitan Tel Aviv.

Speed dating arrived in Israel more than a decade ago, but Israelis have never tried it in one of Jerusalem's ancient sites.

The singles made their way into the cave's tunnel-like entrance under a full moon via Sultan Suleiman Street, a main thoroughfare in Jerusalem's largely Arab eastern sector. Blue lights hung regally from the Old City walls for the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

Each participant paid about \$7 for an evening that included wine and sandwiches. The Jewish Internet dating site JDate sponsored the event, along with the Israeli government's East Jerusalem

Development company, Zisberg said.

The 15th of Av—known in Hebrew as Tu B'Av—is mentioned in the Babylonian Talmud, a compendium of Jewish oral law and stories about 1,500 years old.

"We have a clear tradition of Tu B'Av as the holiday when the daughters of Israel would go out and dance in the vineyards, and they would invite the boys, in short, to take them" as brides, according to Dr. Ruhama Weiss, professor of Talmud at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

In the last decade, it has morphed into a commercial Jewish Valentine's Day: Restaurants offer special roman-

tic menus, smitten partners buy each other gifts, and store shelves overflow with flowers and hearts. Speed dating is part of that, Weiss said.

"In ancient times, people lived in the village and knew each other," she said. "Speed dating is built for the Western world."

Guy Ashkenazi, a computer engineer in his 40s, said he drove 40 minutes to take part in the event because of Jerusalem's special atmosphere.

"It's the city of David and Solomon," Ashkenazi said. "There's something spiritual here, and I think that maybe if I will be in Jerusalem, it will help me find what I'm looking for."

## Polish singer cleared of ripping up Bible in show

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)**—A Polish judge has found a death metal singer innocent of offending religious feeling, ruling that his ripping up of a Bible during a show was a form of artistic expression consistent with the style of his band.

Adam Darski, who goes by the stage name Nergal and is the frontman for the death metal band Behemoth, was charged after he ripped up the Bible during a 2007 concert in Gdynia, in the country's north.

He was found innocent by a court last year but prosecutors appealed that verdict. The court issued an innocent verdict Thursday.

## O'Donnell: No hard feelings for CNN's Morgan

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Former U.S. Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell said Thursday she has no hard feelings toward CNN's Piers Morgan after walking off his show, but has declined an invitation to return.

The Delaware Republican, invited to appear on Morgan's prime-time show Wednesday to promote her new book, became angry after Morgan asked whether or not she supported gay marriage. She said he was "borderline being a bit rude" and said she wanted to talk about topics in the book, "Troublemaker: Let's Do What it Takes to Make America Great Again."

Morgan pressed on, asking her what

she felt about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward gays and lesbians in the U.S. military, and O'Donnell didn't want to talk about it.

Morgan said he didn't think he was being rude. "I think I'm being charming and respectful," he said.

Someone said off-camera to O'Donnell that it was "time to go," and she took off her microphone and left. Morgan later said it was his first walk-out in 25 years of conducting interviews.

Before the question about gay marriage, Morgan had asked O'Donnell

ings had not been hurt despite the fact they were Christians.

The musician said on his band's website that he was pleased with the verdict.

"I'm so glad to see that intelligence won over religious fanatics in my home country. Tho there's still so much work to be done to make things right," he wrote in English under his stage name.

The 34-year-old was not present in court. A celebrity in his homeland, he has been largely out of the public eye for months.

According to the website, Darski was diagnosed with leukemia last summer and has been undergoing chemotherapy after a bone marrow transplant.



O'Donnell

"Do you still think masturbation is wrong?", "Are you still a supporter of total abstinence?" and "Have you committed lust in your heart?"

"If you watch the full interview, you'll see I was more than a good sport with his prior inappropriate and double-standard line of questions," O'Donnell said in a statement Thursday. "We had already gone over our time limit and were late for a Women's National Republican Club speech being shown on C-SPAN. No hard feelings and I wish Piers all the best in his future endeavors."

### BEST SELLERS

#### FICTION

**1 A Dance With Dragons**, by George R.R. Martin (Bantam: \$35) The Seven Kingdoms are imperiled again in the fifth Song of Ice and Fire book.

**2 Rules of Civility**, by Amor Towles (Viking: \$26.95) A year in the social life of three twentysomethings set in Jazz Age New York City.

**3 Portrait of a Spy**, by Daniel Silva (Harper: \$26.99) Anti-terrorist expert Gabriel Allon tracks down a dangerous American-born cleric with deadly plans.

**4 State of Wonder**, by Ann Patchett (Harper: \$26.99) An atmospheric tale of two researchers and the many shades of truth they find in the Amazon.

**5 Full Black**, by Brad Thor (Atria: \$26.99) A counter-terrorism operative launches an all-out plan to stop terrorist attacks.

**6 The Paris Wife**, by Paula McLain (Ballantine: \$25) A tale of Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley, set in 1920s Paris.

**7 The Last Werewolf**, by Glen Duncan (Knopf: \$25.95) A 21st century story of a distraught and lonely werewolf.

**8 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children**, by Ransom Riggs (Quirk Books: \$17.99) The story of an abandoned children's home for the odd and dangerous.

**9 Cold Vengeance**, by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central: \$26.99) Intent on avenging his wife's murder, Special Agent Pendergast uncovers a horrific conspiracy.

**10 Stone Arabia**, by Dana Spiotta (Scribner: \$24) Middle-aged siblings cope with their own realities and their mother's dementia.

#### NONFICTION

**1 Go the F to Sleep**, by Adam Mansbach (Akashic: \$14.95) A comical not-for-kids picture book on the perils of bedtime.

**2 Unbroken**, by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House: \$27) The life story of Louis Zamperini: World War II bombardier, POW and Olympian.

**3 Bossypants**, by Tina Fey (Reagan Arthur: \$26.99) A memoir by the actress, mom and writer who has rocked the comedy world.

**4 In the Garden of Beasts**, by Erik Larson (Crown: \$26) Complex ties between the U.S. ambassador's family and Nazi elite in 1930s Berlin.

**5 A Stolen Life**, by Jaycee Dugard (Simon & Schuster: \$24.99) Jaycee Dugard describes her 18-year imprisonment as a kidnap victim.

**6 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book**, by Jeff Kinney (Amulet: \$10.95) A revised, expanded and interactive journal based on the books and movies.

**7 Rebels in Paradise**, by Hunter Drohojowska-Philp (Holt: \$32.50) How daring young artists changed the art scene in 1960s Los Angeles.

**8 The Psychopath Test**, by Jon Ronson (Riverhead: \$25.95) The author goes on a quest to understand the aggressive, antisocial personality disorder.

**9 Supergods**, by Grant Morrison (Spiegel & Grau: \$28) A history of comic books and what they say about humankind.

**10 The Real Girl Next Door**, by Denise Richards (Gallery: \$26) The actress and ex-wife of Charlie Sheen describes the pressures of life in the spotlight.

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## Brad Paisley goes incognito in Europe

**LONDON (AP)**—While U.K. fans go wild for Brad Paisley on stage, backstage it's a different matter.

The U.S. country star kicked off the European leg of his world tour Wednesday night at London's O2 Arena and had two sold-out shows there last year. But the Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year says he's not famous enough yet in Europe that everyone recognizes him, even backstage at his own show.

"I'm getting asked everywhere...if I belong here, you know, 'Excuse me sir, do you have a pass?' ... (even at) my own gig!" he told The Associated Press in an interview before the concert.

Luckily, Paisley doesn't take offense and even enjoys the anonymity.

"It's humbling but it's also pleasant," he said. "I can walk around here feeling like hardly anyone is going to know me."

Paisley's seventh studio album is "This Is Country Music." He has also been heard in theaters recently with two songs in Disney's animated film sequel "Cars 2."

Paisley is working hard to win over new fans and feels the market outside the United States is ripe for a surge of interest in country music.



# Sugarland tour resumes after stage tragedy

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Sugarland prepared to return to the stage on Thursday for their first performance since a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair killed five people.

The Grammy-winning country duo was minutes from performing at the fair in Indianapolis last Saturday when 60 to 70 mph winds gusts knocked the massive stage onto the audience. Four were killed instantly, another person died later. About four dozen others were hurt.

Sugarland members Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush were not injured in the accident. Their manager told The Associated Press earlier this week that a decision by their touring manager to hold them back after seeing the sky likely saved their lives.

They canceled their Sunday show at the Iowa State Fair but said earlier this week they were looking forward to getting their "touring family" back together and using their music to help with healing.

"Our road family experienced its traumas together," they said in a statement on their website. "While we all scattered to our given families for their comfort, the trauma we experienced together binds us in a unique way that we share only with each other, and those who were there. There is healing in our being together. There is healing in our working together."

The band's elaborate set and instruments were all destroyed, but the group said "this incredible machine is more than a tour and more than a set. We have always celebrated music as a healer. While music cannot change the events and losses at the Indiana State Fair, it can hopefully serve as a ritual and a balm to provide comfort and facilitate healing in this time of great sorrow."

They plan a private memorial for the victims in Indiana.



Sugarland duo Jennifer Nettles, left, and Kristian Bush, right, perform their song "Love" in Albuquerque, N.M., on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, during a tribute for the victims of a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair that killed five people.

## Brad Pitt shoots zombie movie in Glasgow



LONDON (AP)—A smiling Brad Pitt has been seen waving to fans in the Scottish city of Glasgow as he left the set of his latest movie "World War Z."

The U.S. actor was in town this week to shoot the zombie horror movie, which is based on a book by Max Brooks.

Paramount film studio has made every effort to keep the movie under wraps. The set is closed to all media and no production details have been released.

The center of Glasgow has been transformed to depict Philadelphia in the aftermath of a war between humans and zombies. Shooting is expected to last two weeks.

The Glasgow Film Office says the movie involves almost 1,200 people and will pour over 2 million pounds (\$3.3 million) into the local economy.

Brad Pitt waves as he leaves the set of World War Z near George Square, Glasgow, Scotland Wednesday Aug. 17, 2011.

## Ridley Scott to direct new 'Blade Runner,' producers say

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Ridley Scott will direct a follow-up to his 1982 cult-classic "Blade Runner," producers on the new film said Thursday.

The untitled movie is not considered a remake but will take the form of either a sequel or a pre-

quel to the science-fiction original, said Alcon Entertainment, the Hollywood company that had previously acquired rights to the first movie as well as the Phillip K. Dick novel on which it was loosely based. A screenwriter is expected to be hired shortly, and the aim is to enter production in 2013, Alcon said.

The original "Blade Runner,"

which underperformed at the box office but found an audience on home video and television, starred Harrison Ford as Rick Deckard, a police officer in a dystopian Los Angeles hunting for illegal "replicants," robots who are barely distinguishable from humans. Ford is not expected to be involved in the new version.

## New group The Boxcars top IBMA Awards nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Boxcars, a new bluegrass supergroup of sorts, leads all nominees for this year's International Bluegrass Music Association Awards with 10.

Made up of crack musicians, including mandolin player Adam Steffey and fid-

dler Ron Stewart, The Boxcars were nominated for the IBMA's top award, entertainer of the year, along with three-time reigning winner Dailey & Vincent, two-time winner The Grascals, Steve Martin & The Steep Canyon Rangers and The Gibson Brothers.

Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out were next with eight nominations, followed by Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas and The Gibson Brothers with seven. Martin and the Rangers and The Lonesome River Band both received five nominations.

## Grandmother's harsh words may be more bark than bite

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I love my grandmother, but she constantly puts my grandpa down, even in front of the family. I know some of the harsh words she uses could be resentment built up over the years from past hurts. Still, if she talks so rudely to him when we're around, I wonder what she says when they're alone.

Grandma loves her family very much, especially the two of us grandkids. It just hurts that she's so mean to Grandpa. Immediately after she insults him, I'll ask her why she did it, but she acts like she has done nothing wrong.

I know it must hurt my grandfather to be treated that way so often by the woman he's been married to for more than 50 years. Should I address her about it in private?

WORRIED GRANDDAUGHTER

DEAR WORRIED: Your grandparents' marriage has lasted half a century, so it's safe to assume that they have a fairly strong bond. It's possible that what you interpret as insulting is her way of communicating with him—both in public and in private—and that he tuned her out decades ago. You have already said she appears to think she has done nothing wrong, so unless your grandfather has in some way indicated that it is hurtful to him, my advice is to leave it alone. It works for them in some way.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and my sister "Amber" is 13. For the past few months, she has been throwing tantrums whenever things don't go her way or she feels something wrong happens, like an offensive comment someone makes. So my parents and I just leave her alone.

Amber cries, stomps and hits, and because I share a room with her I am very stressed out. I haven't been able to sleep until she wears herself out. Lately, she has been saying she hates life and I am scared she might do something stupid. What should I do?

OLDER SIS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR OLDER SIS: The behavior you have described is not normal for someone Amber's age. And if it's new behavior, it's a reason your parents should not ignore it. If your parents are unable to get Amber to talk to them, they may need the help of a physician or adolescent psychologist to get to the root of what is triggering these episodes. Please don't wait. Clip this item, give it to your parents and tell them you wrote it. I, too, am concerned for your sister.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are open with each other and can reach a satisfactory compromise on a lot of things. However, one we can't seem to reach an agreement on is the temperature of our house. When evening rolls around, my husband turns on the air conditioning and the fans, leaving me to run to the closet for multiple sweatshirts. When we sleep, I end up using four blankets while he uses just a sheet.

When I ask him to turn up the temperature, he responds with, "It's easier for you to put more clothes on if you're cold." It results in an argument every night. Please help, Abby.

FROZEN IN OREGON

DEAR FROZEN: Stop arguing and buy a heating pad and a long extension cord. It will solve your problem and you'll both be comfortable. And for your bed, consider an electric mattress pad. If you share the same bed with your husband, get one with dual controls.

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## Richard Gere guitar collection to sell in NYC



Gere

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Richard Gere has a passion for American vintage guitars.

Christie's auction house in New York says it will be selling 110 of his guitars on Oct. 11.

Gere says he's parting with the instruments to support humanitarian causes around the world.

Christie's says Gere studied trumpet and is a self-taught pianist and guitarist.

Gere said in a statement announcing the sale that he never planned to put together a guitar collection and bought only ones he liked and that sounded good to him.

Included in the sale are brands C.F. Martin, Gibson, Fender, Gretsch and Epiphone, and guitars once owned by blues guitarist Albert King and reggae musician Peter Tosh.

A selection of amplifiers also is being sold.

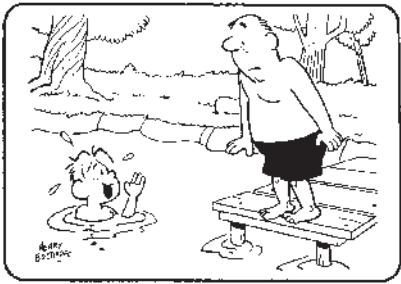
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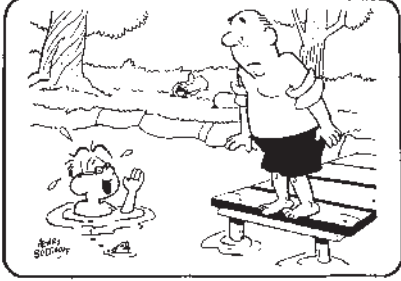




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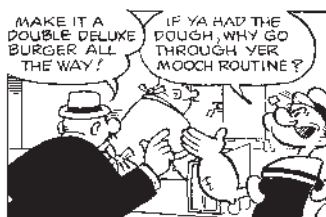
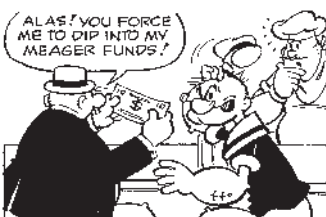
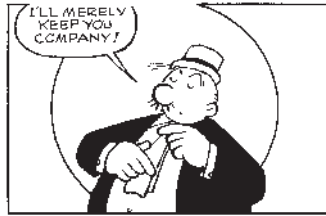
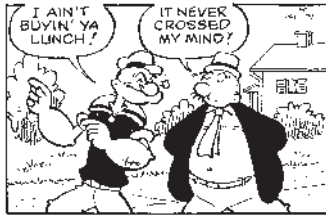
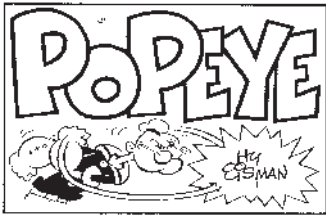
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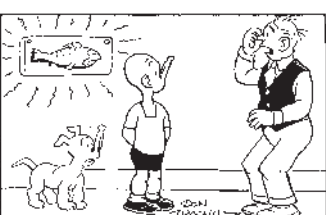
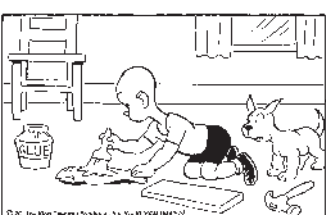
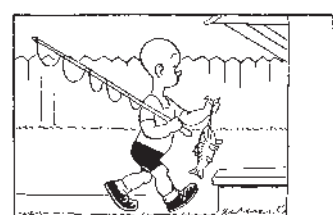
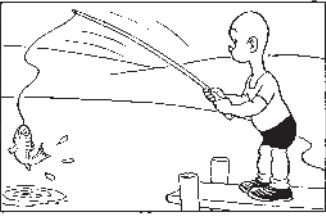
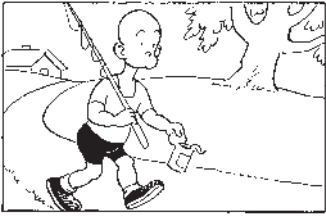
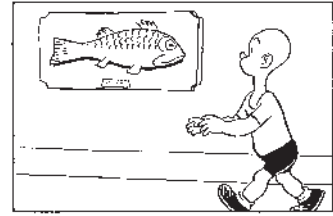
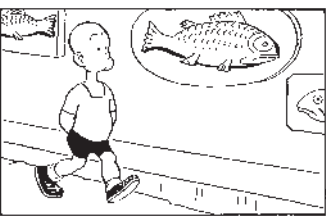
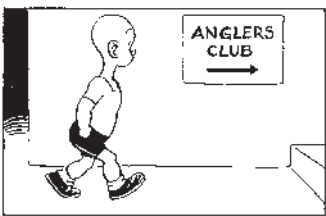
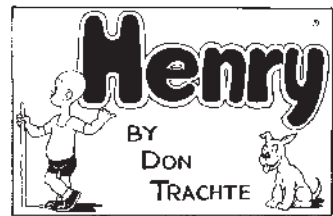
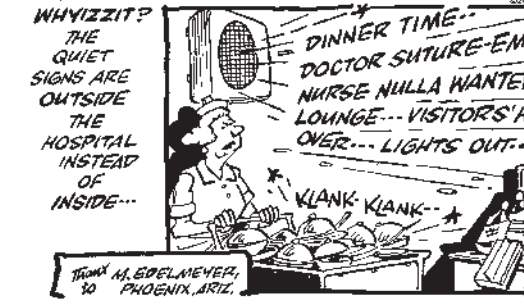
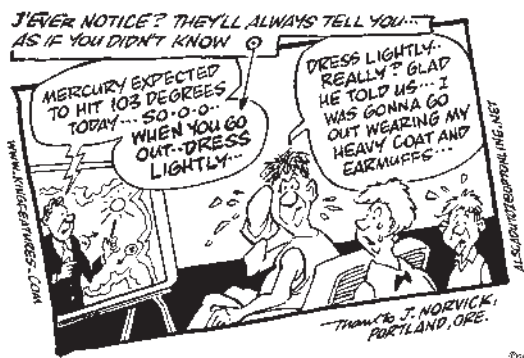
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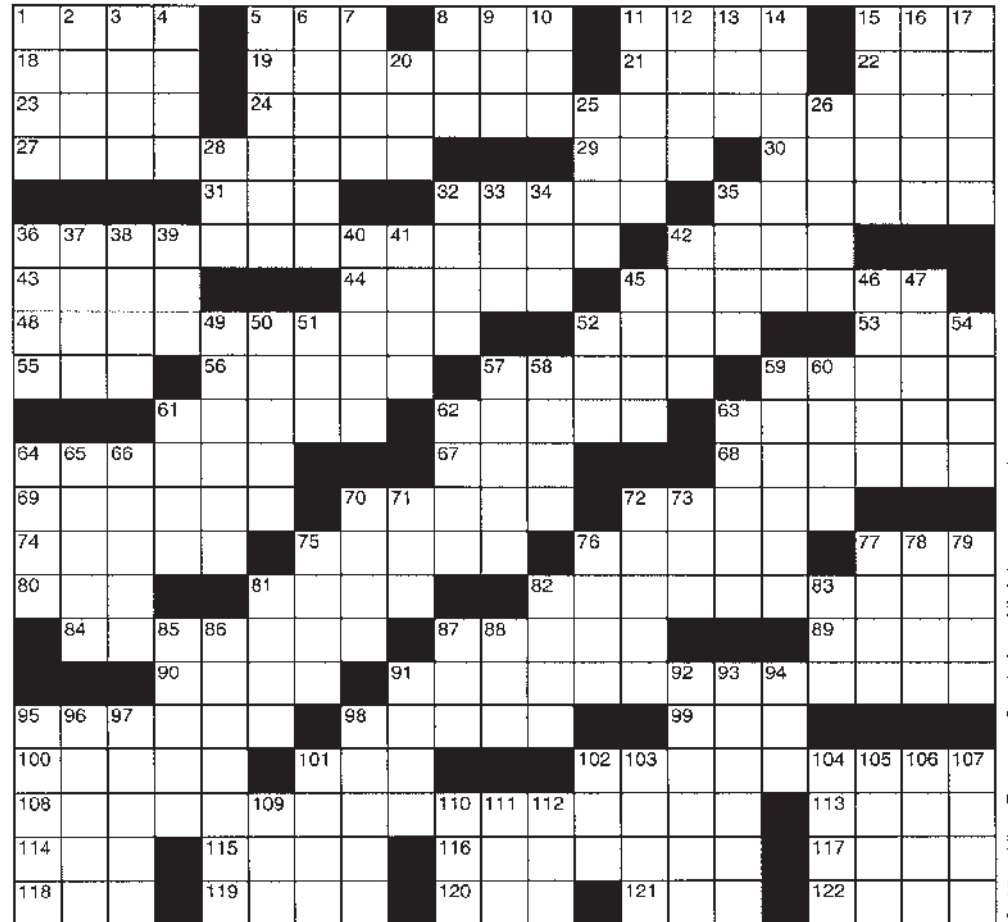


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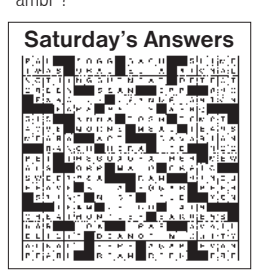


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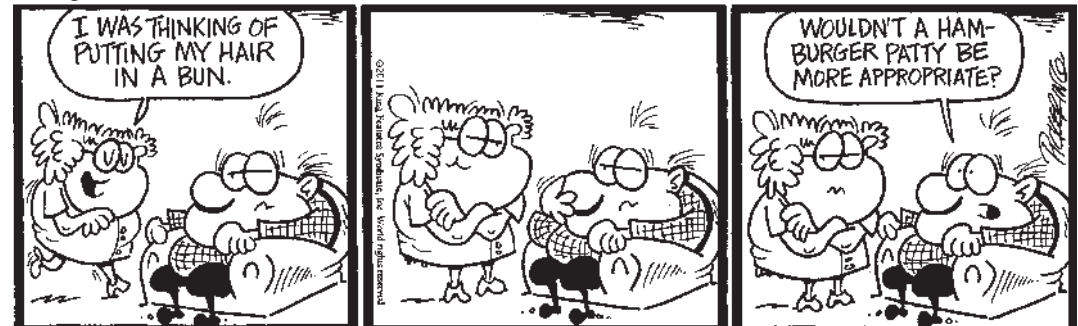
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- Answers
1. William Howard Taft
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# Trumbo homer lifts Angels over Rangers



**ANAHEIM, California** (AP)—Los Angeles rookie

Mark Trumbo hit a game-ending two-run homer as the Angels beat Texas 2-1 to avoid a four-game sweep and claw back one game on the Rangers in the American League West race.

Torii Hunter led off the ninth inning with a single, then Trumbo hit his 23rd homer of the season off Mike Adams (1-2) to end it, snapping the Angels' five-game skid and ending Texas' six-game winning streak with one dramatic swing.

Horacio Ramirez (1-0) got one out in the ninth for Los Angeles, which moved within six games of West-leading Texas.

## Yankees 8, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, New York hit three more home runs to add to its major-league leading total and overpower Minnesota.

Mark Teixeira hit his 33rd homer of the season—a two-run shot in the third inning—and Nick Swisher and Andruw Jones hit back-to-back deep balls in the fifth inning against Twins pitcher Brian Duensing (8-12).

New York starter C.C. Sabathia (17-7) gave up three earned runs over seven innings, struck out nine and walked only one.

The Yankees stayed half a game ahead of Boston in the AL East race.

## Red Sox 4, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Dustin Pedroia drove in three runs with a pair of well-timed singles as Boston edged Kansas City.

Jason Varitek drove in the other Red Sox run while starting pitcher Josh Beckett survived a shaky start to go seven innings.

Beckett (10-5) allowed all three Royals runs in the first three innings and improved to 7-1 in his career against them.

Jonathan Papelbon made it through a perfect ninth to extend his career-best streak to 24 consecutive saves. It was his 29th of the season.

Kansas City starter Luke Hochevar (8-10) labored through 114 pitches in just six innings.

## Indians 4, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Cleveland edged closer to



Los Angeles Angels' Mark Trumbo, right, celebrates his two run walk off home run with teammate against the Texas Rangers during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011.

the top of the tight AL Central race by downing Chicago.

Kosuke Fukudome had a tiebreaking RBI single and Matt LaPorta hit a two-run homer for the Indians, who moved within 1-1/2 games of idle Detroit for the division lead. The Tribe opens a three-game series at Detroit on Friday.

Cleveland starter Justin Masterson (10-7) pitched six effective inning, allowing two runs.

The White Sox lost starter Phil Humber on a scary play in the second inning. He was struck in the face by Fukudome's line drive, fell to the ground but stood up immediately and appeared to be alert. However he was soon removed on the advice of medical staff.

## Blue Jays 7, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Ricky Romero pitched a shutout to extend his career-high winning streak to five games and lead Toronto past Oakland.

Romero (12-9) struck out six while recording his second shutout this season and third of his career.

Colby Rasmus homered and scored three times, Edwin Encarnacion and Brett Lawrie had RBI singles, while Jose Bautista doubled and scored in the fourth when Toronto scored three times off Oakland starter Trevor Cahill to break the game open.

Cahill (9-12) allowed seven runs over 5 1-3 innings. Since beginning the season 6-0, Cahill is 3-12 with a 5.30 ERA.

## Phillies 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Phillies won to complete a series win over the Arizona Diamondbacks, taking a psychological edge in a clash of two teams that could well meet in a National League playoff series.

John Mayberry Jr. hit a two-run homer for the Phillies, who took two of three games in the meeting of NL divisional leaders, and have a 14-1-1 record in their past 16 series.

A thunderstorm delayed the game for 2 hours, 17 minutes after three innings. Neither starting pitcher returned when play resumed.

Philadelphia reliever David Herndon (1-2) struck out four over three scoreless innings to earn just his second career win.

Arizona starter Ian Kennedy (15-4) gave up three runs in three innings, ending a run of winning his previous seven starts.

The Diamondbacks remained 2-1/2 games ahead of San Francisco in the West division.

## Braves 1, Giants 0

In Atlanta, Mike Minor pitched six scoreless innings to outduel San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum and guide Atlanta to victory.

The Braves appeared to be at a distinct disadvantage with Minor, filling in for the injured Tommy Hanson, going up against the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Lincecum.

But Minor (3-2) pitched brilliantly, striking out a season-high nine.

Lincecum (11-10) was no slouch, surrendering one run in seven innings with seven strikeouts. He made one big

mistake, serving up a high fastball to Chipper Jones leading off the fifth, and the Braves veteran sent a drive soaring into the right-field seats.

Atlanta closer Craig Kimbrel struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 37th save in 42 chances, breaking a tie with Todd Worrell for the most saves by an NL rookie since 1969.

## Dodgers 5, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Clayton Kershaw throttled streaking Milwaukee with eight scoreless innings, leading Los Angeles to victory.

The NL Central-leading Brewers came in winners of 19 of 21 and were looking to complete a 7-0 homestand. But Kershaw (15-5) was tremendous, retiring 13 of his final 14 batters and never facing serious trouble after the third inning.

Rod Barajas hit a solo homer in the second, and the Dodgers built a 5-0 lead by scoring twice in the seventh and two more in the eighth; the first runs allowed by Milwaukee's bullpen in the past 10 games.

Brewers starter Marco Estrada (3-8) allowed three hits in five innings.

## Nationals 3, Reds 1

In Washington, Jonny Gomes hit a two-run single that led Washington to victory over his old team Cincinnati.

Nationals catcher Jesus Flores also had his first home run in more than two years.

Washington starter Jordan Zimmermann (8-10) pitched 6-2/3 scoreless innings.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (7-10) got the loss.

## Padres 3, Marlins 1

In San Diego, Tim Stauffer tossed seven strong innings to rebound from his worst start of the season and lead San Diego over Florida.

Stauffer (8-9) allowed one run, struck out five and walked one in his first outing since he yielded five homers in just three innings against Cincinnati.

Jesus Guzman drove in two runs for the Padres.

Marlins starter Javier Vazquez (7-11) allowed three runs in six innings and took the loss despite retiring his last 14 batters.

**GREENSBORO, North Carolina** (AP)—Jeff Quinney and Tommy Gainey shot rounds of 7-under par 63 on Thursday to share the lead after the first day of the Wyndham Championship.

Quinney had eight birdies, including five in a row early in his round, to start strong in his last chance to qualify for golf's postseason.

Gainey had five birdies and an eagle in matching his career-best round. Both players are chasing their first PGA Tour victory.

Stuart Appleby had a 64. Ten players—Paul Casey, Carl Pettersson, Ernie Els, Jason Bohn, Jimmy Walker, Tim Herron, Lee Janzen, Jim Furyk, Vijay Singh and George McNeill—shot 65s during another low-scoring day at Sedgefield Country Club.

Quinney arrived in 215th place in the FedEx Cup standings. A win—and the 500 points that accompany it—would put him in The Barclays.

“The only chance I get in the playoffs is probably winning this week, and coming with the attitude of ‘all-

# Quinney, Gainey share 1st-round lead at Wyndham

in,” Quinney said. “Basically, just push all your chips in, and this is what I got.”

A year ago, a close-but-not-enough finish on this course left Quinney outside the playoff field. He wound up in 126th place, falling short of the postseason by three points.

He spent most of the first day of his return to the par-70 Sedgefield layout near the top of the leaderboard after his early flurry of birdies.

Starting on the back nine, Quinney birdied Nos. 12-16 to move to 5 under. After a bogey on No. 18, he added three more birdies on his final nine holes and closed by sticking his 140-yard approach shot within 3 feet and sinking that putt for his eighth birdie.

“It’s my last chance, and don’t hold back, try to get out of my own way,” Quinney said.

Quinney, who has conditional status on the tour, is playing just his 11th

tournament of the year.

“Once you do get in, you put a little pressure on yourself,” Quinney said. “It’s been frustrating. This is my first year I’ve been non-exempt for five years, and so I think you just expect it to be somewhere else, and it’s a struggle mentally to fight that. I still got the game. I just need the opportunities and not to get in your own way and try to force things.”

Gainey caught him during the afternoon, with four birdies and the eagle coming during the South Carolina native's front nine. He moved to 7 under with a birdie on the par-4 13th, but ran into trouble on No. 15 when he sent his tee shot into a creek and closed his round with five pars.

“I hit it terrible off the tee, hit my



irons really good, made a lot of putts, but I left quite a few shots out there, so I’ve got to definitely work on the tee ball here, because it’s starting to really frustrate me,” Gainey said. “Any time you play and shoot 63 ... when you have no blemishes on a golf course like this—or any golf course, for that matter—it’s a good day.”

Gainey—who’s at No. 40 on the points list—is safely in the playoff field.

Some others here this week aren’t quite that secure.

Once again, the prevailing storyline was the list of players who came in search of a push into the playoffs. The Wyndham annually marks the final chance to crack the top 125 on the points list and qualify for the postseason, which starts next week in New Jersey.

Els, who arrived at No. 126, was part of a morning threesome of bubble players that also included No.

124 Cameron Beckman and No. 125 Camilo Villegas.

“I said to the guys, ‘My playoffs started this week. If I don’t play well this week, I’m not advancing,’” Els said. “Most of the other guys have four playoff events. I have five. I feel like I need to do well (to go to) The Barclays and keep going. It’s hard not to think about it. There’s quite a bit of pressure on us guys lower down the field. We need to perform well.”

Fabian Gomez delivered the shot of the day—a double eagle on the par-5 No. 15. His 5-wood shot from 250 yards out went into the hole on the fly for the tour’s third albatross of the year.

And Furyk had two eagles in a span of four holes, his second multi-eagle round this year.

Indeed, low scores once again were the norm at the Donald Ross-designed course. Since the tournament moved back here in 2008, two of the three winners have finished at 20 under or better.

“My caddie said 5 under every day is sort of the goal,” Casey said.



# Pryor included in NFL draft, must sit out 5 games

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP SPORTS WRITER



Terrelle Pryor will have an opportunity to pursue his NFL dreams, with one significant caveat: The former Ohio State star must still pay for breaking NCAA rules while he was in college.

The league announced Thursday that Pryor is eligible for its supplemental draft, but he won't be allowed to practice for the team that selects him until Week 6. Pryor gave up his final season with the Buckeyes following an investigation into the team's memorabilia-for-cash scandal.

He would've had to sit out five games had he chosen to return to Ohio State.

"We accept that voluntarily," Pryor's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told The Associated Press. "It's a small price to pay for him to have a chance to pursue his dream of playing in the NFL."

A small price that could have broader consequences.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith worked together on the decision, Rosenhaus said. The league hopes it will dissuade future college players who run afoul of the NCAA from trying to use the NFL as a means of escaping punishment. But it also creates this dilemma: Does the NFL have the authority to suspend a player who doesn't even work for the NFL yet?

"I know players are concerned about the message this sends," said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, a member of the players' executive committee. "Granted, making this 'deal' was an individual decision made by a player with counsel from his agent and lawyer. They have every right to make whatever deal they want for his personal future. That being said, the general concern now is how far into Pandora's box this may go.

"This raises so many questions, and I think players are rightfully concerned."

The league informed clubs that Pryor "made decisions that undermine the integrity of the eligibility rules for the NFL draft." Among those actions, the league said, were the hiring of an agent in violation of NCAA rules and a failure to cooperate with the investigation that cost Ohio State coach Jim Tressel his job. The NCAA committee on infractions is working to determine the school's final penalties.

League spokesman Greg Aiello tweeted you can't break the rules as Pryor did "and get a free pass into the NFL."

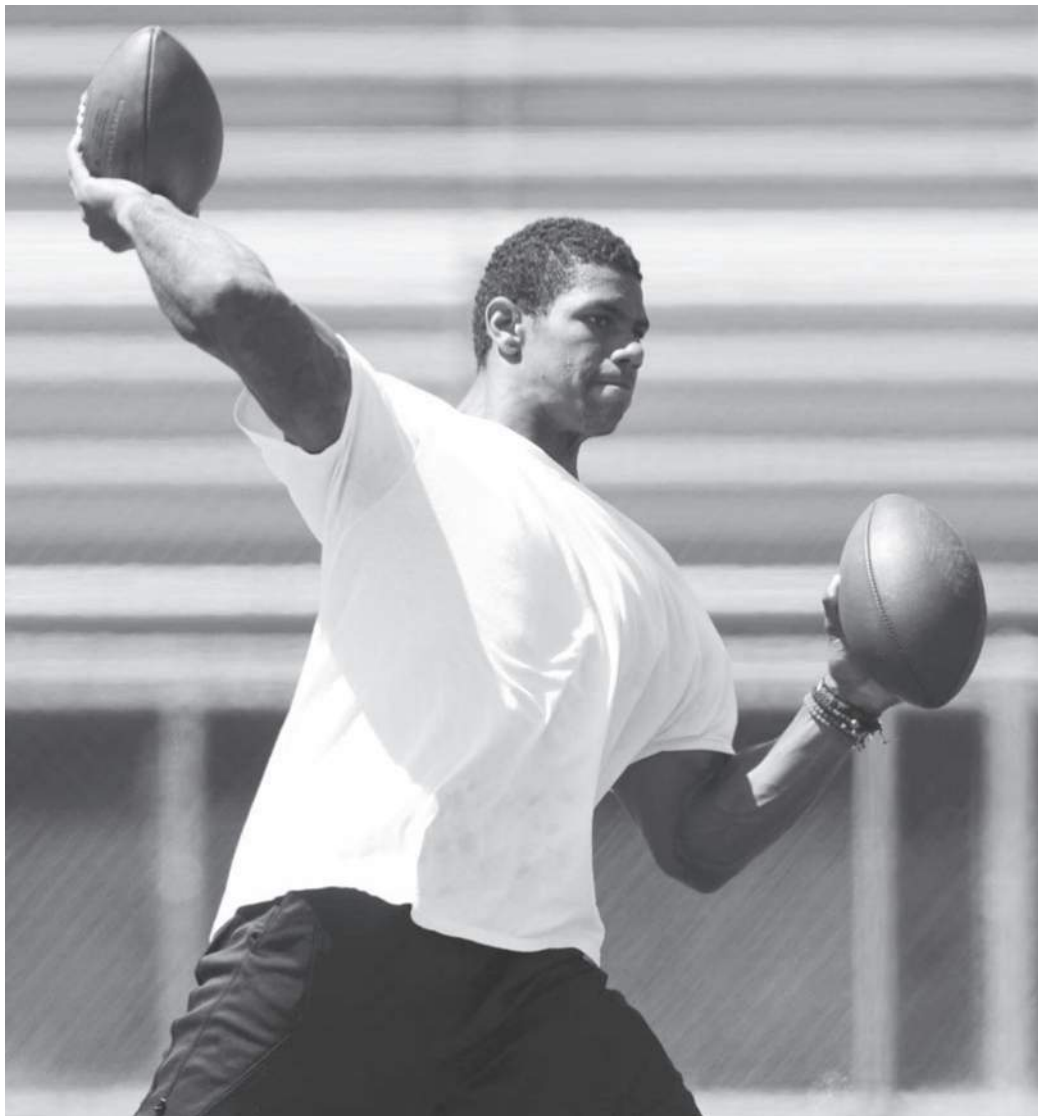
Goodell did not confer with NCAA President Mark Emmert on the decision, said Bob Williams, a spokesman for the college sports governing body. The commissioner "called Mark to inform him of his intent. Nothing more," Williams said.

One of the points of contention during negotiations for a new NFL labor agreement was the authority given to the commissioner to hand out punishment. In the end, there were no changes to Goodell's position, but his decision to suspend Pryor worried players.

"It's a little questionable, but I guess they're really trying to not allow guys to manipulate the NCAA system and be able to take a quicker path to the NFL," said Bills safety George Wilson, an NFLPA representative. "I see what the commissioner's trying to do at his end as well, but it's still tough to take."

"It's still a tough pill to take, knowing that you're being suspended for something that took place while you were at college. But we'll see what happens."

David Cornwell, Pryor's attorney, said he was pleased that quarterback is eligible for the supplemental draft—which was his "primary objective"—although having to sit out five games was not the ideal situation.



In this photo taken Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor works out at Hempfield Area High School near Jeannette, Pa.

"The NFL's concern all along was protecting the integrity of the draft process," Cornwell said in an email to the AP. "We understood their concerns, accept that they are legitimate concerns, and worked through the process to demonstrate that Terrelle's decisions regarding making himself eligible were reasonable, if not perfect. The commissioner gave serious consideration to the various issues and decided to balance those issues by allowing Terrelle into the supplemental draft with conditions."

Cornwell said it was "not a perfect result," but it was evidently good enough for Pryor,

who tweeted: "God bless and thanks for support! Time to have a little fun!"

Pryor will have a pro day Saturday in Pittsburgh for all 32 NFL teams, and he'll work out, throw and take part in agility drills - similar to what he would do at the NFL combine. Once he's drafted, he'll be allowed at team headquarters and be able to take part in meetings for whichever team drafts him.

"He's putting all of this behind him and he has learned a lot from the mistakes he has made in the past and is excited about starting fresh and getting his career going," Rosenhaus

said. "As soon as he gets picked, he'll be on an airplane and be going right to work."

Other players eligible for the supplemental draft are: defensive backs Torez Jones of Western Carolina and Tracy Wilson of Northern Illinois, defensive ends Keenan Mace of Lindenwood and Mike McAdoo of North Carolina and running back Caleb King of Georgia.

The supplemental draft allows qualified underclassmen who did not request early entry into the regular draft to have a chance at entering the NFL. Teams submit picks and are awarded players if their bid—

for which round they would take that player—is highest. Teams then lose the corresponding pick in next April's draft.

The supplemental draft was supposed to be held Wednesday, and Pryor's name was not on the NFL's initial list of players. But it was postponed a few days, and Pryor's name showed up on Thursday.

If he hadn't been ruled eligible, Pryor would have had to wait until next April for the 2012 draft.

Regarded as the nation's top quarterback recruit coming out of high school, Pryor led Ohio State to an 8-1 record as a starter and was Big Ten freshman of the year. He took the Buckeyes to the Big Ten title the following season and a victory in the Rose Bowl. He was named the game's MVP after Ohio State beat Oregon 26-17.

As a junior, Pryor had his best season statistically, throwing for 2,772 yards and 27 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He also ran for 754 yards and four scores while helping the Buckeyes win the Sugar Bowl.

Shortly before the game, it was revealed that Pryor and other players traded Buckeyes memorabilia for cash and discounted tattoos. In the following months it became clear that Tressel knew about the improper benefits in the spring of 2010 but didn't inform his bosses, as was required under his contract and NCAA rules. Tressel was forced out of his job May 30 and Pryor left Ohio State soon after.

Now, Pryor will get a chance to start his NFL career - even if it happens in Week 6.

"I'm proud of him," said Jets wide receiver Antonio Holmes, a former Ohio State star who was wearing a red Buckeyes cap Thursday. "I thought he did a great job while he was there. The things that he had to overcome thus far can be pushed behind and hopefully he can start a better career here in the NFL."

## Miami football trying to move forward amid scandal



**CORAL GABLES, Fla.** (AP)—Speaking out for the

first time since Miami football players were accused of getting cash, gifts and prostitutes from an ex-booster, athletic director Shawn Eichorst vowed Thursday that "a better day" would be coming for the Hurricanes. Some players also ended their silence to say the team is hurting because of the allegations.

Those messages came as the attorney for Nevin Shapiro, a convicted Ponzi scheme architect, defended her client's accusations that he bankrolled a wild lifestyle for Hurricane players.

In a statement, Eichorst said the subjects of the NCAA and university investigation have

his unconditional support. He urged a skeptical fan base to remain patient with a process that went on quietly for five months, then burst into the public eye Tuesday when Shapiro's claims were published by Yahoo Sports.

"There are tough times ahead, challenges to overcome and serious decisions to be made, but we will be left standing and we will be stronger as a result," Eichorst wrote. "I understand there are unanswered questions, concerns and frustration by many but this Athletic Department will be defined now and in the future, by our core values, our integrity and our commitment to excellence, and by nothing else."

Even Shapiro's attorney, Maria Elena Perez—a University

of Miami graduate who proudly displays her diploma in her office—said she agrees with Eichorst that the Hurricanes will be "left standing" when this process ends.

"I think there will be a football program after this," Perez said. "If they shut down this football program, too many people will lose too much money."

But Perez said the allegations were not made up and speculated more could be triggered by Shapiro's story. The attorney said Shapiro, who is serving a 20-year prison sentence for masterminding a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, is aware of the fallout from his claims made to Yahoo Sports.

"I believe inevitably there will be more," Perez said.

"Whether that comes from Nevin or from outside sources who have additional information about this, I can't tell you. But I believe that there will be more."

The Hurricanes went through two practices Thursday, and coach Al Golden said he's hoping their focus is on football and nothing else. The team will hold its second scrimmage of training camp early next week, after which the depth chart and 60-person travel roster for the Sept. 5 season-opener at Maryland will essentially be set.

The NCAA investigation, though no one knows when it will end, is likely going to stretch for several more weeks, at least.

"If anything, it's going to bring us closer together," Gold-

en said. "Again, 90 percent of the guys have nothing to do with this as it happened in the past. For the most part, inside here, we're moving forward."

Though Golden said his team decided on its own to limit usage of social media like Facebook and Twitter during training camp, some Miami players felt Thursday was the right time to speak out. Defensive back Brandon McGee tweeted before the morning practice, "Know this for sure everyone hurts! We all feel pain!" Between sessions, running back Mike James wrote "You have to appreciate the process and accept the struggle."

In Lubbock, Texas, former Miami athletic director Kirby Hocutt, who now holds the same job at Texas Tech, called the sit-

uation involving the Hurricanes "sad" and "unfortunate."

Hocutt said he has not been approached by NCAA investigators.

"If young people made mistakes, that's unfortunate," Hocutt said. He added that in his time at Miami, the school was very aggressive when it came to educating players about the pitfalls that could come from interacting with third parties.

"It was a rogue booster and someone who was determined to go around the system," Hocutt said.

The Hurricanes are trying to get back to business-as-usual, but it's a difficult task given the uncertainty around this season, the eligibility of a dozen players named in the Yahoo Sports report, and the potential repercussions the team may face once the NCAA investigation is completed.



**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

**MLB STANDINGS**

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	47	.615	—
Boston	75	48	.610	1/2
Tampa Bay	66	56	.541	9
Toronto	64	60	.516	12
Baltimore	47	74	.388	27 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	65	58	.528	—
Cleveland	62	58	.517	1 1/2
Chicago	61	62	.496	4
Minnesota	54	69	.439	11
Kansas City	51	74	.408	15
West Division				
Texas	72	53	.576	—
Los Angeles	66	59	.528	6
Oakland	55	69	.444	16 1/2
Seattle	53	69	.434	17 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	80	42	.656	—
Atlanta	73	52	.584	8 1/2
New York	60	63	.488	20 1/2
Washington	59	63	.484	21
Florida	57	67	.460	24
Central Division				
Milwaukee	73	52	.584	—
St. Louis	66	58	.532	6 1/2
Cincinnati	60	64	.484	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	64	.475	13 1/2
Chicago	54	70	.435	18 1/2
Houston	40	84	.323	32 1/2

West Division				
Arizona	69	55	.556	—
San Francisco	67	58	.536	2 1/2
Colorado	58	67	.464	11 1/2
Los Angeles	56	67	.455	12 1/2
San Diego	56	70	.444	14

Yesterday's Games	
L.A. Dodgers	5, Milwaukee 1
Philadelphia 4,	Arizona 1
Washington 3,	Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 1,	San Francisco 0
San Diego 3,	Florida 1
Boston 4,	Kansas City 3
Cleveland 4,	Chicago White Sox 2
N.Y. Yankees 8,	Minnesota 4
L.A. Angels 2,	Texas 1
Toronto 7,	Oakland 0

**WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES**

**GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP)**—Scores Thursday from the \$5.2 million Wyndham Championship at the 7,117-yard, par-70 (35-35) Sedgefield Country Club Course

FIRST ROUND	
Jeff Quinney	32-31—63
Tommy Gainey	29-34—63
Stuart Appleby	33-31—64
Paul Casey	32-33—65
Carl Pettersson	32-33—65
Ernie Els	31-34—65
Jason Bohn	35-30—65
Jimmy Walker	31-34—65
Tim Herron	33-32—65
Lee Janzen	31-34—65
Jim Furyk	30-35—65
Vijay Singh	32-33—65
George McNeill	32-33—65
Greg Chalmers	32-34—66
Chez Reavie	33-33—66
Justin Leonard	34-32—66
David Toms	33-33—66
Webb Simpson	34-32—66
Jason Dufner	33-33—66
Vaughn Taylor	32-34—66
Jim Renner	32-34—66
Alexandre Rocha	32-34—66
Daniel Summerhays	33-33—66
Patrick Reed	34-32—66
D.J. Brigrman	33-33—66
Steve Marino	32-35—67
Hunter Haas	32-35—67
Anthony Kim	31-36—67
Retief Goosen	33-34—67
Nathan Green	33-34—67
David Duval	34-33—67
Charles Warren	32-35—67
Billy Horschel	33-34—67
Woody Austin	35-32—67
John Rollins	35-32—67
Jerry Kelly	33-34—67
Angel Cabrera	34-33—67
Bill Lunde	34-33—67
Joe Durant	34-33—67
John Merrick	32-36—68
Frank Lickliter II	36-32—68
Blake Adams	35-33—68
Pat Perez	35-33—68
Michael Bradley	33-35—68
Rocco Mediate	34-34—68
Chad Campbell	34-34—68
Michael Thompson	34-34—68
Kent Jones	33-35—68
Briny Baird	35-33—68
Nick O'Hern	33-35—68
Andres Gonzales	31-37—68
Fabian Gomez	32-36—68
Cameron Percy	34-34—68
a-Olafur Loftsson	34-34—68

Jarrod Lyle	34-34—68
Rod Pampling	33-35—68
Will MacKenzie	35-33—68
Tim Petrovic	34-34—68
John Mallinger	33-35—68
Bill Haas	34-34—68
Tom Gillis	32-36—68
Shaun Micheel	36-32—68
Billy Mayfair	34-34—68
Marc Leishman	35-33—68
Scott McCarron	34-34—68
Sunghoon Kang	32-36—68
Ryuji Imada	34-35—69
John Daly	35-34—69
Scott Gutschewski	34-35—69
Kevin Stadler	33-36—69
Johnson Wagner	33-36—69
Padraig Harrington	37-32—69
Kyung-tae Kim	34-35—69
Trevor Immelman	36-33—69
Brendon de Jonge	35-34—69
David Hearn	33-36—69
Charles Howell III	35-34—69
Cameron Tringale	33-36—69
Chris Baryla	33-36—69
Martin Piller	35-34—69
Chris Tidland	35-34—69
Kris Blanks	35-34—69
Troy Merritt	36-33—69
Brandt Jobe	36-33—69
Chris Kirk	33-36—69
Ian Poulter	35-34—69
Ben Crane	33-36—69
Kyle Stanley	35-34—69
Chris Couch	32-37—69
William McGirt	33-36—69
Matt McQuillan	35-34—69
Bud Cauley	35-34—69
Joseph Bramlett	32-37—69
Bobby Gates	34-36—70
Richard S. Johnson	35-35—70
Michael Letzig	34-36—70
Kevin Chappell	33-37—70
Camilo Villegas	33-37—70
Heath Slocum	35-35—70
Derek Lamely	32-38—70
Steven Bowditch	35-35—70
David Mathis	34-36—70
a-Billy Kennerly	34-36—70
Darron Stiles	36-34—70
Boo Weekley	36-34—70
Josh Teater	36-34—70
Tag Ridings	33-37—70
Lucas Glover	34-36—70
Davis Love III	35-35—70
Ben Curtis	36-34—70
Matt Jones	37-33—70
Paul Stankowski	31-39—70
Fran Quinn	35-35—70
Kevin Kisner	33-37—70
Jim Herman	34-36—70
Chris Riley	37-34—71
Marc Turnesa	35-36—71
Rich Beem	34-37—71
Shane Bertsch	30-41—71
Garrett Willis	36-35—71
Carl Paulson	35-36—71
Zack Miller	38-33—71
Jerry Richardson, Jr.	34-37—71
Todd Hamilton	34-38—72
Chris DiMarco	36-36—72
J.J. Henry	35-37—72
Aron Price	33-39—72
Colt Knost	35-37—72
Joe Ogilvie	35-37—72
Michael Connell	37-35—72
Chris Stroud	36-36—72
Brandt Snedeker	35-37—72
Troy Matteson	37-35—72
Bob Estes	37-35—72
Nate Olivo	34-38—72
Cameron Beckman	37-36—73
Henrik Stenson	35-38—73
James Driscoll	37-36—73
Ben Martin	37-36—73
Skip Kendall	40-33—73
Alex Prugh	34-39—73
Arjun Atwal	35-38—73
Steve Flesch	37-36—73
Jerod Turner	37-36—73
Savio Nazareth	36-37—73
Nathan Stamey	35-39—74
Roland Thatcher	36-38—74
Tom Pernice, Jr.	37-37—74
D.J. Trahan	35-39—74
Nate Smith	37-37—74
Will Strickler	36-39—75
Justin Hicks	38-37—75
Nyasha Mauchaza	34-41—75
Scott Gordon	38-39—77
Morgan Hoffmann	37-41—78
Dean Wilson	WD

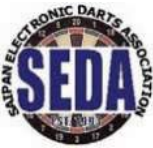
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**LOCAL SCORES**

UFO STANDINGS		
OPEN		
Namfrel/Proa	2	0
Bayani/Mobil	3	1
Visminda/Satbahi	3	1
UPAA/Hoopaholics	3	1
Cabalen/Noni	2	1
Ali'i Konflikt	2	2
NMBA/Mixed Blood	1	2
MDX/Blue Haus	0	4
Cavite/Andok's	0	4
MASTERS		
Cabalen/Wings Travel	2	0
MDX/Armatech	1	0
MAFEA/RNV	0	1
VisMinda/Piahi	0	1
SAFSWO/Ebisuya	0	1

# Celebrity leads A Division, two-way tie in Ladies League

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Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Celebrity started its season on top of the A Division leaderboard after downing the Naked Fish Boyz, 12-5, on the road at Naked Fish Bar & Grill as the Saipan Electronic Dart Association 2011 Summer/Fall season com-

menced Monday night. Meanwhile, Try Luck, of D' Pirates Bar & Grill and Joe's Steakhouse's I Like It share the top spot in the Ladies Division with identical 13-2 win-loss records. Both frontrunners pulled off lopsided road wins as Try Luck romped the Island Girls, 13-2, at Jonny's Bar & Grill, while Just Like That dominated the Daffodils, 13-2, at Joe's. A Division's D'Pirates'

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Ayana Rengiil in her first pool game last Monday, 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-3, and then swept Fiji's Jenna Panuelo, 6-0, 6-2, and Palau's Natansa Nakanaul, 6-0, 6-0, for a clean slate and a slot to the quarterfinals. In the quarterfinals, Ackerman was scheduled to duel Rastguiy last Thursday. Result of this match was unavailable at press time. The two CNMI players had earlier met in the POJC finals with Ackerman winning the U12 singles championship. Rastguiy placed second in Pool B with a 2-1 card. She dropped her first match against Fiji's Mulan Kamoe, 0-6, 3-6, but bounced back with two straight wins, beating the Cook Island's Kianna Sword-Tua, 6-2, 6-1, and Fiji's Shawn Adams, 6-4, 7-5.

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Tenorio's split free throw at the 2:31 mark with Cabalen threatening to pull away, 75-66. Cabalen managed to pad its lead as the clock melted down behind the hot shooting of Bon Tamayo. The Cabalen gunner scored 11 markers in the fourth quarter and 31 overall, a huge improvement from his seven-point output in their loss against Docomo. Kae Bernardo and Lerio Pagarao chipped in 20 and 13, respectively. Babauta paced MDX with 14 points, but his team still fell to a 0-4 record.

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ing frame. Sherwin Williams then stretched its margin to a baker's dozen, 40-27, at halftime. Malari passed the torch to teammate Jun Tabora who delivered 12 points in the surge. Joeten found a few baskets from a number of players, but lacked a leader to take charge on offense. The search continued for Joeten as both teams traded baskets in the third quarter, shifting the count to 58-45, in favor of Sherwin Williams heading into the final canto. Tabora and Dado Vistal hooked up for 14 points in the period. Joeten appeared deflated in the fourth as Sherwin Williams's shooters remained on point. With the lead, Sherwin

Johnson ruled Pool A with a 2-0 card, downing Samoa's Simoana Ruepena, 6-1, 6-2, and Tahiti's Kelani Chene, 6-0, 6-1. Johnson's quarterfinals' foe was Samoa's Lyla Tapusoa, who finished Pool D with a 1-2 card. In the junior boys, it was another all-CNMI tiff in the quarterfinals, as Dela Cruz was set to face Villanueva last Thursday. Dela Cruz was undefeated in three games in Pool D and won all his matches in straight sets. He first blanked the Cook Island's Andrew Terupe, 6-0, 6-0, and then topped Fiji's Nathan Naidu, 6-3, 6-0, and the Cook Island's Jake Bergman, 6-1, 6-2, for the sweep. Villanueva finished second in Pool A with his 2-1 card. He first triumphed over Tonga's Teu Ki Tongi, 6-2, 6-0, before losing to Papua New Guinea's John Martin Kaiulo, 2-6, 2-6. Villanueva closed out his pool assignment

In the masters division game, Cabalen/Wings Travel capitalized on the depleted crew of SAFSWO/Ebisuya to cruise to the 25-point victory. The win improved the defending champion's record to 2-0 and gave the team the lead in the five-squad field. SAFSWO/Ebisuya debuted in the league with only six players, while Cabalen missed only one from its 12-player roster. Despite the disadvantage, SAFSWO/Ebisuya gave Cabalen a good fight, but only in the first half. Cabalen led by only a basket after the break, 39-37, before it went to business in the third

Williams knocked down four 3-pointers in the clutch for good measure. Tabora led the field with 31 markers, while Joeten's Rodney Sacramento managed a team-high of just 13 in the loss. In Wednesday's late match, 8th Division drained a trio of early long balls, but still trailed Wings Travel, 18-15, in the opening 10 minutes. Wings Travel's Nate Mateo starred in the early push with five markers. Wings Travel then tightened up its defense as it trudged ahead, 41-25, at the half. 8th Division's offense turned to stone in the second quarter aside from a couple of late 3-pointers by Joseph Pena. Wings Travel kept its foot on the gas after the break and maintained a daunting 62-40 advantage after three quarters and then shifted into cruise control

Predators and Oleai's Proofers are close behind in second place with like records of 11 wins and six losses. The Predators brushed off sister-team Ali'i Kamote's, while the Proofers defeated Gaia Bar's Gaiana-A at home. D'Pirates' Mixed-Blood Shooters 1 and the Trouble Shooters of Wild Bill's Bar & Grill share identical 9-8 slates and are knotted up in third place. Mixed Blood edged out sister

team Bud Brothers in a home game, while the Troubleshooters bested the visiting Primos of Oleai. Notably, Bud Brother's Romuel Chavez scored a High-In 160 in the match. Ten teams make up the A Division. In the Ladies League, third-ranked Oleai's Man-Amigas knocked off D'Pirates' Star Magic, 11-4, at home. Six teams make up the Ladies' League.

with a shutout win over Vanuatu's Julien Pineda, 6-0, 6-0. Three other CNMI junior tennis players—Mikayla Lopez, Theecele Minor, and Jake Lee—are competing in the Oceania Plate, which is for players who can't make it to the U18 singles draw of the much competitive Air Pacific Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2011. The Air Pacific event, which drew the CNMI's Christian Miller, Thea Minor, and Rafael Jones, awards Junior ITF ranking points, while the Oceania Plate does not. Lopez swept her first two games in Pool A of the seniors girls division, winning over Tonga's Simuoko Afemui, 6-0, 6-0, and against Palau's Abigail Gbewonyo, 6-0, 6-2. The diminutive CNMI netter played two more games, but results were unavailable at press time. Lopez needed to win at least one of her two remaining matches

to advance to the semifinals. Theecele Minor is in Pool B and had a 1-2 card after Tuesday's games, and had one match left (against American Samoa's Leilani Duchnak) scheduled for last Thursday. She lost her first two games to Samoa's Anastasia Tapusoa, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 3-6, and PNG's Lorish Puluspene, 1-6, 0-6, before ending the skid with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over the Cook Island's Tayla Beddoes. In the seniors boys, Jake Lee had a 2-1 card in Pool A after Tuesday's matches. He defeated Kiribati's Teba Tito, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3) and American Samoa's Kevin Maukoloa, 6-1, 6-0. His lone loss came from Guam's Emil Penafiel, 1-6, 2-6. Lee was scheduled to play two more games and must sweep them to seal a semis ticket. Only the Top 2 players in each pool will advance to the semis.

period, outgunning SAFSWO/Ebisuya, 22-10, for a big 61-47 advantage. The defending champion continued pounding the hapless SAFSWO/Ebisuya in the fourth en route to an easy win. Ed Diaz paced Cabalen with 25 points, while three of his teammates also scored in double figures. Edsel Mendoza had 16, while Alex Ocampo and Mike Cruz contributed 12 and 11, respectively. Mike Surima top-scored for SAFSWO/Ebisuya with 20.

**First Game**  
**Cabalen/Wings Travel 91** — Diaz 25, Mendoza 16, Ocampo

for the final 10 minutes. Mateo led the flock with an even 20 points, while 8th Division's Pena topped the field with 21 in defeat.

**THURSDAY**  
**Sherwin Williams 91** — Tabora 31, Mallari 25, Vistal 21, Tobias 10, Dayrit 2, Ebuen 2.  
**Joeten 71** — Sacramento 13, Casabuena 12, De Vero 10, Culala 10, Fernandez 6, Cruz 5, Sablan 5, Lagado 4, Camacho 4, Umali 3, Polomique 2.  
**Scoring by quarters:** 20-13, 40-27, 58-45, 91-71.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Wings Travel 86** —Mateo 20, Aranda 14, Pantola 13, Morales 9, M. Cruz 9, Macoto 6, Yalung 4, Delos Santos 3, C. Cruz 2.  
**8th Division 68** — Pena 21, Mateo 19, Palacios 11, Morales 6, Brana 4, Jacob 3, Abuan 2,

12, Cruz 11, Atalig 7, Verano 7, Macoto 6, Yalung 2, Palacios 2.  
**SAFSWO/Ebisuya 66** — Surima 20, Buniag 14, Delos Santos 13, Darag 8, Echavez 6, Jacob 5.  
**Scoring by quarters:** 23-17, 39-37, 61-47, 91-66.

**Second Game**  
**Cabalen/Noni 79** — Tamayo 31, Bernardo 20, Pagarao 13, Demapan 4, Yabut 4, Pantaleon 2, David 2, Basilla 2.  
**MDX/Blue Haus 69** — Babauta 14, Tenorio 11, Lisua 10, Palacios 9, Z. Diaz 8, E. Diaz 8, Lauron 6, Galulu 2.  
**Scoring by quarters:** 22-19, 41-39, 57-54, 79-69.

Detera 1, Valiente 1.  
**Scoring by quarters:** 18-15, 41-25, 62-40, 86-68.

## SHIRLEY'S

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each team on Monday, Aug. 22, at 6pm at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Garapan. Details about the opening of the league and ground rules will be discussed at the meeting. Teams representatives are also requested to bring copies of their initial 12-player roster. Waiver forms and others will be distributed to teams representatives during the meeting. This year's Shirley's caging is sponsored by Pacific Trading, Co. For more information about this year's Shirley's caging, contact Lingcaso at 233-4519 or 287-2926.





**Pryor included in NFL draft, must sit out 5 games**

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## 5 CNMI jr. netters enter quarters

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Five CNMI junior tennis players marched to the quarterfinals of the Junior ITF Oceania Plate being played in Lautoka, Fiji.

In the junior girls division, all three bets of the Commonwealth—Tammy Ackerman, Melody Johnson, and Negahr Rastgu—barged into the Elite 8. Also making it to the quarterfinals were junior boys' Carl Dela Cruz and Moris Villanueva.

Ackerman, who conquered the U12 singles division of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships last week, continues to have a strong showing in Fiji, as she swept her pool play assignments. She finished on top of Pool C with a perfect 3-0 record.

Ackerman survived Palau's  
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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Moris Villanueva, seen here competing in a local tournament, made it to the quarterfinals of the Junior ITF Oceania Plate being played in Lautoka, Fiji.

## Cabalen sweeps opponents

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Thursday night's action in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League belonged to Cabalen, as it swept its two assignments at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Visio-Bud Cup, Cabalen/Noni outclassed MDX/Blue Haus, 79-69, while in the UFO Visio-Docomo Pacific Cup, masters division, Cabalen/Wings Travel clobbered SAF-SWO/Ebisuya, 91-66.

The win in the UFO Bud Cup was Cabalen/Noni's second in three games, as the team recovered from a sorry loss against UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics last week, 65-81. In that defeat, Noni was held scoreless in the last 3:32 of the game.



Against MDX/Blue Haus, Cabalen/Noni made sure it would not fold up in the homestretch. This time, it was Cabalen's turn to silence its foe in the payoff period, as the Noni Saipan-supported squad held MDX to only one point in about six and a half minutes in the fourth before Zack Babauta ended the spell with a triple in the last 4.2 seconds of the match.

The fourth canto began with MDX on top, 57-54. Then an 8-0 start put Cabalen in the lead, 62-57, but MDX answered with its own string of points to regain the upper hand, 65-62, 6:28 to go in the final quarter.

That was the last time MDX/Blue Haus enjoyed the driver's seat, as it missed one field goal after another for more than six minutes. MDX's only point in that drought came from Dexter

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Cabalen/Noni's Noel David, left, drives and draws a foul from MDX/Blue Haus's Dexter Tenorio during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Sherwin Williams' Victor Mallari goes to work at the post in Thursday's Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League matchup against Joeten Superstore at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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## Two lopsided wins in Blue Haus caging

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Sherwin Williams and Wings Travel routed their respective foes, as the Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League's nears the end of its regular season at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

B Bracket's Sherwin Williams ran over Joeten Superstore, 91-71, last Thursday,

while A Bracket's Wings romped 8th Division, 86-68, back on Wednesday.

The playoffs begin Sunday night with C Bracket's Cell Pro taking on Lyn's BBQ at 6pm, followed by A Bracket's Inchcape against Star Water at 8pm in Gualo Rai.

Sherwin Williams took an early 20-13 lead in the first quarter of Thursday's opener. Victor Mallari paced the squad with eight points in the open-

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## Shirley's league now has 12 teams

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The 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League has lured two more teams in Fresco and Marianas Services, upping the list to 12 squads.

The two new additions in the league will join inaugural champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc., Mobil, PSS/McGraw-Hill, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Hanwa/World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Pacific Trading, Wushin, and host Shirley's.



Lingcaso

they decided to push back the opening to next month to give teams more time to complete the event's requirements and their respective uniforms.

### Monday meeting

Lingcaso added there will be a meeting for representatives of  
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